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June 23rd 1869

Hon D. D Belden
Denver Col.
Sir

Your letter of the 17 inst containing a tender of your resignation of the office of Councilman in the Legislative assembly of Colorado Territory has been received and said resignation is hereby accepted

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

June 23. 1869

His Excellency
Charles Durkee
Governor of Utah
Sir

I have received a petition from some of the most respectable Citizens of this Territory requesting me to intercede with you for the purpose of procuring a respite in the execution of the sentence of Chas Howard now under sentence of death in your Territory

They state that they have representations in his case which they desire to make to the President and yourself. I would therefore most earnestly entreat that you so far exercise the power vested in you as to grant a respite untill you can hear and consider what the friends of the unfortunate man have to represent

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor.

June 28. 1869.

Hon Frank Hall.
Secy &c.
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to request that you will accompany Col Schofield U.S.A. in his trip to the South East for the purpose of selecting a location for a military post.

Your familiarity with the country will make your suggestions valuable and other official engagements will render it impossible for me to go. If you find it consistent with your other duties to comply with my request your expenses will be paid out of my contingent fund.

Yrs &c.
Edward M. McCook
Governor &c.

July 5. 1869.

Hon. Jacob D Cox
Secy of the Interior
Sir

At the request of Mr D.C. Oakes I have the honor to forward a petition of the most prominent Citizens of Colorado concerning his restoration to the position of Indian Agent.

I have written fully to Genl Parker in the matter and also addressed a personal letter to yourself on that and other subjects

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

July 6. 1869

L. M. Smith Esq.
La Porte Col. Terry

Sir

I herewith enclose copy of a letter from the Governor of Utah in answer to my letter interceding with him in behalf of Chas P. Howard under sentence of death in his Territory.

It gratifies me exceedingly to communicate to Howards friends the fact that my intercession has not only resulted in a respite as they desired but in a commutation of his sentence to imprisonment for a term of years.

Yours very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

July 23. 1869.

Hon R W Taylor 1st Comptroller

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will forward me a draft for my salary as Governor up to the end of the Quarter which I suppose will be to the 1st of July. I was commissioned on the 17th of April and sworn in I think two or three days afterwards. My Oath on file in the State Dept will show the proper date.

I also have the honor to request that you will forward me a draft for my Contingent fund for the Current Year as no money was turned over by my predecessor.

Edward M McCook.

July 23. 1869.

Hon Jacob D Cox

Secretary of the Interior

Sir

Yours of the 13th has been received and in compliance with your instructions I enquired in relation to the letting of the Penitentiary Contract.

Messrs. Woodbury & Mullin are I am informed substantial mechanics living in the mountains and able pecuniarily and otherwise to execute their contract. I thought it best to require Mr Hoyt to take the enclosed Oath as a prudential measure. Some of those from whom I enquired having suggested that several of his past transactions had been rather slippery, as I could find nothing of that character in this one I handed him the award of the Department in accordance with your instructions.

I will advise you if any thing is brought to my knowledge in relation to improper construction of the work.

I have the honor to be

Your very Obt Svt

Edward M McCook

I return the bids as requested

July 29. 1869.

Hon Jno A Rawlings

Secy of War.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for your action a petition signed by some of the most influential citizens of Colorado asking an investigation concerning certain offences alleged to have been committed by Jno R. Brooks and William B Bainbridge two officers of the Army of the United States.

Copies of an indictment found against these persons and also the affidavit of

John Smith the complainant are likewise enclosed.

I would most respectfully ask that the matter may receive your attention at an early day.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

July 28. 1869.

Col Chas P. Baldwin
Georgetown Col
My Dear Sir

I have received your letter in relation to the removal of J. J. Bruny as Deputy Surveyor of your District and the appointment of Mr Johnson in his place.

I have referred the matter to the Surveyor Genl with the request that he would give it his attention. He can see what are the wishes of the Republicans of your Dist from the tenor of your letter and I suppose his action will be influenced by it.

I feel some delicacy in pressing the matter more strongly untill I see what effect my letter may have.

Yrs Truly
Edward M McCook

August 9. 1869.

To Chellow M. Grimes
Sheriff of Gilpin County Greeting

Whereas one George Smith was by the sentence of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Colorado at the July Term A.D. 1869 sentenced to be hanged on Friday the Thirteenth (13) Day of August next for the crime of murder whereof the said George Smith was convicted by the District Court of the Second Judicial District sitting within and for the County of Gilpin

And whereas we have been petitioned to commute said sentence to imprisonment for life

And whereas further time is required by us to consider said application

Now then for the purpose aforesaid we Respite the execution of said sentence untill Friday the tenth (10th) Day of September A.D. 1869 and hereby command you to delay the execution thereof untill said Day unleſs in the meantime we shall otherwise direct.

Given under our hand and
the Great Seal of the Territory
of Colorado in the City of
Denver this ninth day of
August in the Year of our
Lord One thousand eight
hundred and Sixty nine

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

August 9.

Hon W. H. Lessig
Surveyor General
Colorado Territory

Sir

This Department having received no official information in regard to the action taken by the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior upon the survey of the boundary line between the Territories of Colorado and New Mexico completed in the fall of 1868 by one Capt. Darling — I would inquire whether official notification of the approval of said survey has reached your office — and if so whether you can furnish the Executive a map defining the same

An Early reply in writing is requested

With Great Respect
Yr obt. Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

August 10th. 1869.

W. H. Meyers Esq.
Clerk of Costilla County C. T.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 1st inst making inquiry relative to the boundary line recently established by the United States between the Territories of Colorado and New Mexico, and its probable effects upon the County of Costilla C. T.

In order that the matter might be fully and clearly defined I addressed a letter to the Surveyor General on the subject a copy of which together with the Generals reply is herewith transmitted. With this correspondence before us, I propose to say that the local authorities of Costilla County must hereafter confine their jurisdiction to that portion of the County lying north of the newly established line and in all future elections permit no precincts to be fixed nor votes polled for said county south of the proper boundary.

All officers of the County residing outside of the prescribed limits must vacate their offices and their places be supplied at the coming September Election.

As this rule may in some measure destroy your County organization by removing some of its officers you will please forward at earliest convenience a list of such vacancies with the names of persons whom you desire to have appointed.

Should there be two Commissioners residing within the new limits there will be no necessity for any appointments to be made.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Frank Hall
Actg Governor

Aug 17th 1869

Capt. Yates
Commanding Squadron
Seventh U.S. Cavalry
Bapetts Mills C. T.

Sir

I have the honor to invite your attention to the annexed copy of a letter received by me this day referring to a recent depredation upon the Stage Stock of A. Jacobs proprietor of the Denver and Santa Fe Stage line. Committed by a band of Indians whose tribe name is unknown

It has been suggested that the robbery was done by the Utes which I am inclined to discredit. I would feel greatly obliged if you would favor me with an investigation of the matter and if you find that the Utes were concerned in it arrest the parties if they are to be found and send them under guard to me at this city

If however as I suspect hostile bands of other tribes are prowling about the vicinity named it would be well to take immediate measures toward killing them or driving them out of the country.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook

Aug 18. 1869.

R W Taylor Esq.
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I hereby desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 30th ult and to advise you of receipt of Drafts of the Treasury of the United States on First National Bank of Denver numbered 196 & 308. the first of the amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) being one half of the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Executive office for the current fiscal year and the receipt of the amount of Four Hundred and Ninety nine Dollars & Sixty Six cents ($499 66/100). being part of my Salary for the quarter ending June 30. 1869.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook.
Governor of Colorado Territory

Aug 18. 1869.

C. I. Richardson
Law Librarian
Chicago Ills.

Dr Sir

Yours of the 11th inst requesting me to send you for reference the Statutes of Colorado Territory is duly received and I have the pleasure of informing you that I have this day shipped the volume by Express to your address.

Yrs very truly.
Edward M. McCook.

Aug. 19. 1869.

Hon Jos S Wilson
Comr Genl Land Office
Washington DC.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Hon Jno Evans. Ex Gov of this Territory recommending the postponement of the Land Sales here. I have not given the matter sufficient examination to express an opinion in relation to it; but any thing which will be calculated to place large bodies of our lands in the hands of Non Residents or Speculators will certainly injuriously affect the future of the Territory.

Your very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook

Aug 7. 1869

Hon R. S. Chew
State Department

My Dear Sir

We have no American flags belonging to any of the Departments here: and I write for the purpose of requesting that you will send me some. I trouble you personally about the matter in preferance to writing to the Secretary because I know it will receive your prompt attention

Remember me kindly to my friends in the Department and your family

Yours very truly
Edward M McCook

Aug 25 - 1869.

Maj. Gen J M Schofield
Comdg Dept of Missouri

My Dear Genl

I start down to the newly located lower Ute Agency on the 13th or 14th of Sept. It is South west of the Saguache about a hundred miles on the Pacific slope and in a country that has not yet been explored by the whites. I would like very much to have Capt. Gates accompany me on the trip. I do not wish any of his Soldiers along, but would like to have him go in person and make a report to you for the files of the War Dept in relation to the Character of the country roads water grazing &c. Such a report might in the event of future troubles prove of great value to the military authorities

I think you will do a good thing for the public service by complying with my request and in addition you will confer a personal favor by permitting me to enjoy the society of a pleasant Companion thro those dreary and almost impassible Mountains

Be kind enough to telegraph me your answer as a letter will not reach me in time

Yrs very truly
Edward M McCook

Aug 31. 1869

Hon Moses Hallett

Pueblo.

I have received numerous petitions for the commutation of Smiths death sentence and for the reasons I stated in your office. I will decline to interfere with a judicial sentence unless recommended by the Judge who tried him. Have you any recommendation to make. Is Smith idiotic as some state.

E M McCook.

Sept 2. 1869.

Hon J A Campbell

Governor of Wyoming

My Dear Governor

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Aug 31st and the accompanying petition of citizens of your Territory in relation to the Ute Indians having ordered the miners out of the North Park

It will be impossible for me to go there personally as you request for on the 11th inst. it becomes my duty to award contracts for supplying cows &c to the Utes and on the 13th I propose starting to the Southern Agency for the purpose of distributing their annuity goods and inspecting the progress of the buildings at that Agency. I will however send Lieut. Speer who has been recently been assigned to duty as U.S. agent with full instructions in the premises and he will leave here on Saturday accompanied by Mr Baker an old frontiersman (and an honest one I believe) as interpreter 6

I desire you to have a conference with him and he will endeavor to carry out any measures which may result in the protection of the rights and lives of the miners who have gone into the North Park

The North Park never was part of the Ute Territory and is not now within the limits of their reservation It has always been a sort of

"debatable ground" and the Utes I am informed
have never frequented that territory except in
large numbers for fear of attack from other hostile
tribes. The Ute Reservation as designated by
the treaty proclaimed November 6th 1868 is
bounded and described as follows
" Commencing at that point on the southern
"boundary line of the Territory of Colorado where
"the meridian of longitude 107° west from Green-
"wich crosses the same to a point fifteen miles
"due north of where said meridian intersects the
"40th parallel of north latitude. Thence due west
"to the western boundary of said Territory thence
"South with said western boundary of said Territory
"to the southern boundary line of said Territory thence
"East with said southern boundary line to the
"place of beginning"

You can see by this description that
no part of the North Park lies within the limits of this
reservation and I think that we are indebted for this
and many other annoying pieces of insolence more
to some of our white friends than to the unaided
suggestions of the Utes themselves. I have given
orders for the arrest of one of them and I think
he is secured. I can fathom the whole mystery

On my return from the South I will come
to Cheyenne or any place else if necessary. I think
if the whole matter is properly and kindly explained
to the Utes there will be no farther difficulty.
Kindness and firmness accomplish a great deal with
them. But I will unite with you in requesting
military intervention - as I am heartily tired of
seeing a horde of blanketed vagabonds hold a moral
revolver to the heads of all the industrial classes of the
best Territories in the West preventing immigration
paralyzing industry and working their own sweet
savage wills however they may under the penalty
of an "Indian War"

Indians have a great many rights but
I think white men also have a few and it
much better that a civilized community
should cease to exist than to feel that life

and property and peace are all dependent upon the tolerance or the whims of a few savages

I have the honor to be
Sr very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook

"Telegram"

Sept 3. 1869.

Rev W.H. Adams
Central

The Sentence of George Smith will not be commuted.

Edward M. McCook

Sept. 6th.

To Shelton M. Grimes
Sheriff of Gilpin County Greeting

Whereas one George Smith was by the ~~sentence of the Supreme Court of the~~ Territory of Colorado at the July term A.D. 1869 sentenced to be hanged on Friday the (13th) Thirteenth day of August A.D 1869 for the crime of murder whereof the said George Smith was convicted by the District Court of the Second Judicial District sitting within and for the County of Gilpin and whereas by competent authority the execution of said sentence was delayed until Friday the (10th) tenth day of Sept. A.D. 1869.

And whereas the Attorneys for said George Smith have represented that they will make application at the January term A.D 1870 of the Supreme Court of Colorado Territory for a rehearing of the case of said George Smith. and that they have good grounds for said application now therefore for the purpose aforesaid I delay the execution of said sentence until Friday the (18th) eighteenth day of February A.D 1870

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of Colorado in the City of Denver this sixth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado ~~Territory~~

Attest
Frank Hall
Secretary of the Territory

Sept 7th. 1869.

Mrs Mary Ford
Care Nicholas Ford
Rochester Mo.

My Dear Madame

Herewith I enclose letter from Col Hal Sayr Adjt Genl of Colorado Territory and also the Statement of Capt E L Berthoud of Co E 2nd Col Cav. concerning the circumstances of the death of your brave son. Hoping this evidence will be sufficient to enable you to obtain the assistance from the Department due you. I am with much respect

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado

Sept 5. 1869

H M Teller Esq:
Central Col Tery,
My Dear Sir

I have just read your letter in relation to the commutation of the sentence of George Smith to imprisonment for life and altho I do not propose to enter into any correspondence on the subject and your letter is so intemperate and indecorous in many of its expressions that the rules of ordinary courtesy would justify me in declining to answer it all. Yet you have so widely misapprehended the grounds upon which I refuse to commute Smith's sentence, that I deem it due to you professionally as Attorney for the unfortunate man that you should be informed of the reasons upon which my action is based

The whole case came before me upon petition prepared I suppose by yourself and signed by many of the prominent citizens of Gilpin County and several members of the bar asking the commutation of Smith's sentence from death to imprisonment for life. The only reasons given for interposing the Executive clemency are

That the prisoner was convicted

upon evidence in the main furnished by himself

That the Counsel who defended him were inexperienced and incompetent.

That the Judge who tried the case and the Supreme Court who reviewed it, both erred in their interpretation of the laws

No facts were stated in any of the petitions or letters received by me which had not previously been before the Supreme Court and the Court below. no pretense has been made untill your letter to me dated yesterday that the prisoner was not guilty of the crime as charged or that the Judge and jury who tried him were prejudiced corrupt or ignorant – Consequently after a carefull examination of all the records in the case as shown by transcript from the District Court of the 2nd Judicial District and the Supreme Court of the Territory I see no good reason for interfering with the sentence

I am simply an Executive officer appointed to enforce and execute the laws as expounded by the Judicial tribunals of the Territory. We both derive our Authority from the same source. our duties are entirely distinct and independent of each other. and I cannot believe it has ever been contemplated that any Executive should act Judicially in overthrowing the decisions of the highest legal tribunal of the Territory unless some grave and palpable injustice had been committed by that tribunal no matter what power the laws may have conferred upon the Executive. I think the exercise of that power would certainly be unwise possibly unjust if used to annull the decisions of a court without any tenable reason for such action

I believe I am not giving any undue weight to the opinions of officials who would naturally and properly be my guides in the decisions of any legal questions

I am bound to pay some deference to their decisions rendered under the most solemn responsibility of their official Oaths and neither the District attorney who prosecuted the case nor Judge Hallett nor any other member of the Supreme Court has stated that a different conclusion would have been arrived at by them had Beasley been differently defended. And the Supreme Court in affirming the decisions of the Court below. concluded their opinion (the unanimous opinion of the Bench) in the following words:

"I. We believe therefore on this whole record that "the prisoner upon the law and the evidence is "guilty of the murder of William Hamblin and "that the jury in rendering a verdict of guilty "arrived at a correct conclusion. The judgment "of the District Court is affirmed"

The facts concisely stated as shown by the records before me are

George Smith and one Robert Reynolds entered the cabin of William Hamblin and Smith after some conversation hit Hamblin with a stone and knocked him down. Seeing he was likely to get up again Smith hit him with a "chunk" of wood and knocked him down again.

The two afterwards strangled him to death with a piece of rope.

To the crime of murder they added that of robbery and then dragged the body to a shaft and threw it in.

There is certainly nothing in the lonely struggle of this defenceless man, murdered and robbed at his own fireside, to excite my sympathy as a man in favor of his assassins, and there is nothing in the legal aspect of the case as presented to me to call for the exercise of executive clemency to save either principal or accessory from the extreme penalty of the law. It seems to me that the crime committed was murder, and so willful and deliberate that nothing could justify it, and as no facts have been brought to my notice which were not before the court, no evidence which if presented to the court and jury might have led to a modification of the verdict or a mitigation of the sentence, as there is nothing to lead me to believe that either Court or jury acted mistakenly, ignorantly or corruptly in the premises, I can see no grounds upon which I could conscientiously and properly exercise the authority vested in me by commuting the sentence of the Court to imprisonment for life.

Will you permit me to express my surprise and regret that a man occupying your high position in this community should attempt to influence my action in so grave a matter as this by referring to the effect a decision adverse to your views would have upon popular opinion in your county and stating that "the feeling is so great that the Sheriff will resign before he will hang the prisoner" altho I am certainly not indifferant to public opinion and never can be. Yet I hope it will never lead me to diverge from what I believe to be the plain path of duty nor prevent me from conscientiously discharging any official responsibility which may devolve upon me; but desirous as I am that this criminal should have every chance for his life that humanity can demand or the skill of his counsel suggest; and relying upon your promise to ask for a rehearing at the January term of the Supreme Court. I will in compliance with your request grant a reprieve untill the 18th day of February which will I hope give ample time for a full hearing and final adjudication of the case.

In order that you may not misapprehend the reason which influence me in granting this reprieve I wish to reiterate my conviction that there is nothing whatever in the facts of the case as presented to me which calls for the interposition of Executive Clemency; the reprieve is granted solely because so long as there is any doubt as to what the final action of the court may be, the prisoner is entitled to the benefit of that doubt.

Very truly Your Obt. Servt.
Edward M McCook

Sept 27. 1869

Messrs Royle & Butler
Central Col Ter'y
Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in relation to the Commutation of George Smiths sentence. I regret exceedingly that my views of the case are different from your own and that I cannot conscientiously interpose the power vested in me for the purpose of changing the sentence of the court. I have however granted a reprieve until the 18th day of Feby 1870 which will afford ample time to bring the case before the Supreme Court.

The reasons which influenced me in declining to commute Smiths sentence I have furnished at length to Mr Teller your associate Counsel.

I have the honor to be
Yr very Obt Servt
Edward M McCook

Sept 27. 1869

Col Hal Sayr
Adjt Genl of Colorado
[illegible]

I enclose communications [illegible] me some time since [illegible] asking information in regard to the circumstances of the death of [illegible] while bearing dispatches from [illegible] to [illegible] during the late war. [illegible] and returning the original letter for preservation in the files of this office.

I am [illegible]
[illegible]
Edward M McCook

Oct. 19. 1869.

W. A. Robinson
Prof. Law Dept.
Yale College
New Haven Conn.

Dr Sir

I have this day forwarded you by mail One (1) Copy of the Statutes of Colorado 1868. please acknowledge receipt of same & oblige

Yrs Very Truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Oct. 22d AD 1869

Proclamation

By the Governor of the Territory of Colorado for a Day of Thanksgiving

In accordance with a wise and Christian usage inaugurated by our forefathers and in conformity with a proclamation issued by the President of the United States I Edward M. McCook Governor of the Territory of Colorado do hereby appoint and set apart as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise

Thursday the Eighteenth (18) day of November AD 1869 and I do hereby earnestly recommend to all the people of this Territory that upon that day in the Churches and at the family Altar we each and all with a full sense of our dependence upon him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift unite in thanking God for his goodness towards us during the year that has passed and humbly ask for the continuation of his favors and blessings

Given under my hand and the
Seal of the Territory in the Executive
Chambers at Denver this 22nd
day of, October AD 1869
Edward M. McCook

By the Governor:
Frank Hall:
Secretary of State

Oct 25th 1869

Messrs Collier & Hall
Editors "Central City Register"
Central City C.T.

Gentlemen

I enclose you a copy of my proclamation "Setting apart the 18th day of November 1869 as a day of Thanksgiving" which you will please publish untill the day designated

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Same Sent to
Boulder Pioneer
Col Chieftain
" Miner

Dec 2. 1869.

Hon. Edward Rummel
Secretary of State of Illinois
Springfield Ills

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following publications from your department for the use of the Territory of Colorado viz

One Copy 44th vol Ills Sup Court Reports
Two copies Public Laws 1869.

At an early day I will forward copies of the proceedings of the House and Council for the Years 1864-5-6-7-8. and at the same time inform you of what public documents of your State the Territorial Library is short

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully yr obt servt
Jas B Thompson
Private Secretary

Dec 13. 1869.

Hon Edward Rummel
Springfield Ills
Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you by mail copies of the House and Council Journals of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory for the 3rd. 4th 5th and 6th Sessions and the Council Journal for the 7th Session.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
by Jas B. Thompson
PS.

Dec 23rd 1869.

My Dear Judge

Through some oversight no appropriation was made for the Legislative expenses of Colorado during this Session. I write to you supposing that it may be possible for you to secure an appropriation out of the ordinary course of business – and have written Gov Nye Chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories requesting him to assist you should you see proper to make any movement in the matter.

The situation is I suppose extremely embarrassing to the Secretary and disagreeable to the members of the Legislature; who are certainly entitled to the compensation guaranteed them by our Organic act.

Yours very truly
Edward M. McCook

To
Hon A. A. Bradford
Washington
D.C.

Dec 24th 1869.

Hon J. W. Nye
U. S. Senate.
My Dear Senator

I have just written to Judge Bradford our Territorial Delegate calling his attention to the fact that an appropriation for the Legislative Expenses of this Territory was overlooked in the Appropriation Bill of last winter.

Will you do me a personal favor by cooperating with him should he call upon you to assist in rectifying the matter. As Chairman of the Comee on Territories it properly belongs to you I suppose before going to the Comee on Appropriations. And I assure you our Legislative body is as eminently worthy of their hire as any other Legislature of the Country your own of course excepted

Yrs very truly
Edward M McCook

Jan 1st. 1870

Hon Frank Hall
Secretary of State
Sir

I herewith transmit to you the certificate of Election of the members of the Territorial Council and House of Representatives - made out by me in conformity with the certificate of the Territorial Board of Canvassers I have not transmitted any certificate any certificate for councilman of the 3rd Council District because from the report of the Board of Canvassers I am unable to determine to whom the certificate properly belongs. Consequently I will transmit such papers in the case as are now in my possession to the President of the Council so soon as that body organizes believing that both parties claiming the seat would prefer that their respective claims should be originally adjudicated by the body to which both claim to have been elected

I have the honor to be
Yr very Obt Servt
Edward M McCook

Proclamation

Executive Chamber
Denver C.T. Jan 5. 1870

Whereas within the last ten days the U.S. mails have been twice robbed by highwaymen in this Territory between Cheyenne and Denver and the robbers are still at large unapprehended. Now therefore I Edward M. McCook Governor of Colorado Territory by virtue of authority of law invested in me do hereby offer a reward of two hundred dollars payable out of the Territorial Treasury for the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties

Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado

Jan 6. 1870

To the Honorable
The President of the Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to transmit before your Honorable Body all the papers in my possession relating to the election of a Councilman in the [illegible] Council [illegible]

The Report of the Board of Territorial Canvassers
Affidavit of J.H. McSpadden
" " Lewis C. Rockwell
" " James D. Wood
Certificate of Messrs Lynn Freeman and Shepherd
Judges of Election
Certificate of Messrs Wood Shellinger and [illegible]
Judges of Election

I also transmit herewith a communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory made in conformity with Section 156 of the Crim penal code submitting certain suggestions respecting the amendment of that Code

I have the honor to be
Yr very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook

Jany 15th 1870

To the Honorable
The Speaker of the House of Representatives
Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved of date of Jany 15th House joint resolution providing for printing Messages and Reports also a joint resolution for supplying the Assembly with additional newspapers

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook

Jany 7. 1870

Hon Messrs Hughes & Sherwood
Comee of Council
Gentlemen

I have the honor to furnish at your request the only official information in my possession relative to the Territorial Penitentiary

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook

Jany 20th 1870

Hon G M Chilcott
Pueblo
Colorado
My Dear Sir

I have just read your letter in response to my telegram requesting you to come here. I desired to see you for the purpose of tendering you the Appointment of Territorial Treasurer Altho the office is not one commensurate to your public position, yet is one of honor and trust and the best one in my gift and I offer it to you knowing that you would fill the place honestly and creditably and believing that your acceptance would greatly strengthen the party.

The nomination must be sent to the Council by the first of February and I would like to hear from you by that time. I would have liked very much to see you and confer with you upon this and other matters and am very anxious that one of the three or four offices in my gift should be held by some strong man like yourself in the Southern part of the Territory

Very truly
Edward M. McCook

Jan 25. 70

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I nominate Hal Sayr of Gilpin County for the office of Adjutant General of Colorado Territory

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jan 26th. 70

Capt Carl Wulsten
Prest. German Col Company
No 87½ N. Wells St Chicago Ills
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing the muster roll and names of officers of the Companies of Militia organized by you and composed of members of the German Colonization Comp of Colfax Fremont Co Col Ty. Also your letter of 10th inst enclosing names of 10 additional members also letter of 12th enclosing the names of 3 additional members

In reply to your enquiries and your request to be furnished with arms ammunition and tents at the terminus of the K.P.R.R. I would inform you that I have no means of providing tents but I am prepared to issue commissions to the officers of your organization at any point within the Territory and to furnish you the requisite Arms and ammunition on the following conditions.

You will be expected to execute a bond for the safe keeping of such arms and their return to the Governor on his demand and to transport them from Denver to such point within the Territory as you may select at your own expense as I have no funds at my disposal which can be devoted to that purpose.

I am Sir
Yrs most Truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado

Jany 26th 70

Hon George W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved the following acts and Joint Resolutions certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

An Act to Amend Chapter Eighty Eight of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory concerning Venue
Approved Jan. 25. 1870

An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to establish the University of Colorado (approved Nov 7. 1861) and further to amend Chapter 87 of the revised Statutes of Colorado Territory Approved Jany 25. 1870

An Act for the repeal of an Act concerning County Commissioners for the Counties of Costilla & Conejos
Approved Jany 25. 1870

An Act to repeal an Act concerning traitors (embraced within the Eighty fifth chapter of the Revised chapter of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory approved Jany 15th 1868)
Approved Jany 25. 1870

An Act to amend the thirty first chapter of the revised Statutes of Colorado Territory

Approved Jany 25. 1870.

Joint Resolution of thanks to Bvt. Major E. A. Carr U.S.A. and the officers and soldiers of his command

Approved Jany 25. 1870

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado

Jany 27. 1870.

W. A. Robinson Esq.
Law Librarian Yale College
New Haven, Conn.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one copy of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticutt and two copies of the Public Acts of the State of Conn. passed in the Years 1866 - 67 - 68 - 69.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
Jas. B. Thompson
Pr. Secretary

Jany 29. 70.

Hon Geo. W. Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith without my approval "an Act to amend Section one of Chapter Eighty of the Revised Statutes of Colorado" which amendment provides for the collection of a certain amount per head on every head of cattle and sheep imported into the County of Conejos in this Territory -

My objections to its becoming a law are: this act as well as the section of the act to which it is amendatory is clearly a violation of the constitution of the United States - in contravention of the Organic Act of Colorado and contrary to public policy and natural justice

It has been expressly and frequently adjudged that the provision in the Constitution which declares that "the citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of the citizens of the several States" prohibits a State or Territory from making any discrimination between citizens and non residents in the assessment of taxes upon the same species of property

In harmony with the constitution the Organic Act of the Territory (see Sec 6) declares. "Nor shall the "lands nor other property of non residents be taxed "higher than the lands or other property of residents" Nor "shall any discrimination be made in taxing different "kinds of property but all property subject to taxation "shall be in proportion to the value of the property taxed".

This language is so simple and direct that it would be impossible to mistake the meaning. It clearly signifies that the Legislature can impose a tax only in conformity to a uniform value based upon the value of the property taxed and precludes that body from adopting any system of taxation which will not fall upon citizens and non residents property owners alike or upon either except in proportion to the value of their property. This bill as presented for my approval not only ignores the principle of a just equality in the imposition of taxes as required by the 6th Section of the Organic Act but by making an unwarranted distinction between residents and non residents owners of stock also departs from the uniform rate of taxation heretofore constitutionally prescribed by the Legislature in their Revenue laws. And I think that class legislation tho always reprehensible should be especially avoided even if Constitutional when its tendency may be to keep the property of non residents out of the Territory and thereby necessarily increase the rate of taxation upon the property of residents

Leaving out of view all questions as to the Constitutionality of this act its unfairness becomes manifest when the fact is considered that the value per head of Cattle and sheep varies most materially and under the provisions of this act it is possible and even probable, that while one person would pay taxes at the rate of but one or two per cent upon the value of property another owning lot of valuable stock would be compelled to pay five or ten per cent upon its value

As the Legislative power of the Territory extends only to all rightful subjects of Legislation consistent with the Constitution of the United States and the provisions of the Organic Act, the Legislature in the passage of this bill has in my opinion clearly transcended the prescribed limit of its authority and consequently I am compelled to withhold from it my official sanction.

In order to show the construction placed by the Congress of the United States upon Legislation of this character I would respectfully call the attention of your Honorable Body to An Act to repeal an Act of the Legislature of New Mexico imposing a capitation tax upon bovine cattle. Approved April 10. 1869. (United States Statutes at large for 1869. Page 44. Chapter 21) a copy of which act I append.

I have the honor to be
Very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jan 29. 1870

Hon Jacob W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have approved and signed the following bill and joint resolution which originated in that body

An Act to change the name of Thomas Cox to Thomas Martin

House Joint Memorial to the President of the United States for the establishment of a Military post in Summit Co. Col Ter

I would also respectfully return for the correction of a clerical error "An Act to amend an act entitled An Act to incorporate the Colorado Seminary". Said bill being signed by the Speaker of the House as "Speaker of the Council and House of Representatives"

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jany 29. 70.

Hon Jacob D. Cox
Secy of the Interior
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. inst. in relation to the Colorado Penitentiary - and informing me that the Contractors Dft. for Sixteen thousand dollars would be sent to my care - to be delivered to them as soon as they satisfied me that they had completed their work in conformity with their contract.

Permit me to thank you for the mark of confidence you have shown by entrusting me with this duty.

The point where the prison is located is about 150 miles distant from here and it will be impossible for me to go there in person; but I will select some honest responsible and competent party to go there make the examination and report the result under oath.

I will again communicate with you whenever this duty shall have been discharged

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook,
Governor

Jany 31st. 70

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington DC
Sir

I have the honor to apply thro you to His Excellency the President of the United States for forty days leave of absence beginning Feby 15 1870

The Territorial Legislature now in session will have adjourned by that time and I think the public interests will not suffer by my absence.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Telegram.

Denver Feby 1st. 70.

Gen Hal Sayr.
Central City Col Ter.

I desire to inform you of the confirmation of your appointment to the office of Adjutant General of Colorado Territory

Edward M. McCook.
Governor

Telegram.

Denver C.T. Feb 2. 70.

Capt Carl Wulsten
No 87½ North Wells St. Chicago Ills

The Arms will be sent by rail to the end of the Railroad care of C.S. Hickman agent of [illegible] Hughes & Co. Commissions and bond have been sent to Sheridan care of Webster Marsh & Co.

Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 2. 70

H B Tuttle Esqr.
Evans C.T.
Dear Sir

Your letter of 29th ult is recd. In reply to your enquiry as to why your commission has not been issued, I would say that I am informed by the Secretary that he has recd a letter from one of your bondsmen requesting that his name be taken off the Bond. The correction of this informality and your notification thereof to me will insure the issuance of your commission

Yrs very truly.
Edward M. McCook
Gov.

Feby 3. 70

Mrs. H. A. Tenny
State Librarian
Lansing Michigan
Madame

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Vol 18. Michigan Supreme Court reports for the use of the Territorial Library of Colorado

Very Respectfully
Yr obt svt
Jas B Thompson
Sec.

Feby 3. 70.

Hy. Michaa (?) Esq
San Francisco Cal
My Dear Sir

It gratified me exceedingly to receive your letter expressing so much interest in the welfare of Colorado. I have used every effort to promote some system of Emigration but think the Legislature disposed to let things take their natural course

So far as your own enterprise is concerned I shall be glad to assist you in any way in my power

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook

Feby 4 70

Hon Geo W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Terry

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved the following Bill certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz
An Act to provide for the payment of members and officers of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr obt servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 4. 70

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory viz
An Act entitled an act to Repeal parts of Chapter (80) Eighty of the Revised Statutes relating to the importation of Texas Cattle
A Bill for an Act to change the name of Allyn Johnson Goodrich to Allyn Johnson Allen
A Bill for an Act to change the name of Jno H Smith to Jno H McAnne
A Bill for an Act to repeal a part of the Twenty Eighth section of the Twenty Eighth Chapter of the Revised Statutes of Colorado

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 4. 70.

Capt Carl Wulsten
Care Webster Muscatt & Co
Sheridan Kansas

Sir

Shipped to you this day by John Hughes & Co Stage three (3) Boxes (40) Spencer Rifles and two (2) Boxes (2000) Cartridges for the same. Pkg is marked Capt Carl Wulsten Care C. S. Hickman Stage Agt Arapahoe Col Terry. The remainder of the arms and ammunition will be forwarded as rapidly as possible.

6 I enclose the form of Bond which you are required to give with two sureties for the safe keeping of the arms — and upon your duly executing the said Bond and delivering the same to the Agt above named he is authorized to turn over the arms and ammunition to you. You paying charges as ~~stip~~ stated in your telegram of the 12th inst.

The Commissions for the Company Officers as named in your letter of Jany 3rd have been sent to you to Sheridan Care Webster Muscatt & Co.

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feb 4. 70.

Maj Gen J H Schofield

I have the honor to request that at least one battalion of four companies of Cavalry be stationed in this Territory during the coming Spring Summer & Fall. The presence of some of your troops here during the past summer I am satisfied preserved peace within the borders of 46 Colorado. The first peace we have had for ten years. I am sure that white men here are attempting to create difficulties with the Utes which may or may not result seriously. They are endeavoring to prejudice them in relation to the reservation question making them believe that they will be confined in their reservations and kept there by soldiers — in this way they have really succeeded in incensing some of these peoples against the Government and citizens report that they have threatened war in the Spring

I therefore desire that these troops may be sent into the Territory early in the Spring so that if the Utes do make any difficulty the war may be short sharp and decisive and that those who make trouble may learn a lesson which will not be forgotten by their tribe in this generation. No matter how incredulous either you or I may be as to future trouble it is always better to be prepared for any contingency which may possibly arise and thus avoid either self reproach or the censure of the public

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yr. Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado

Feb 4. 70.

Capt Carl Wulsten
Care Webster Musiak Co
Sheridan Kansas

Sir

The copy of Bond which you will be required to give for the safe keeping of the arms furnished you was inadvertently omitted from my last letter I enclose it herewith
The next shipment of Arms & Ammunition will go forward Monday 7th inst

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Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor
By Jas B Thompson
Pr. Secy

Feby 7. 70

O. J. Hickman
Agt. John Hughes & Co.
Arapahoe Col Terry
Dear Sir:

On Friday 4th inst. I shipped by John Hughes & Co's Stage Three Boxes (60) Spencer Rifles and two boxes Cartridges (2000) consigned to Capt. Carl Wulsten in your care. There are three boxes of Rifles (60) and 2 Bxs Cartridges left to go forward which will be sent as soon as possible. The enclosed is a duplicate of the Bond which Capt Wulsten is required to give for the safe keeping of the Arms the original of which has been sent to him at ~~[illegible]~~ Sheridan, Kansas. Before delivering the Arms & ammunition to Capt. Wulsten I would request that you see that the Bond is duly signed and properly acknowledged and forward it to this office. By so doing you will oblige

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado Terry
By Jas B. Thompson
Pri. Sec.

Feby 5. 70

W. E. Beasly Esqr.
Idaho. Col Terry
Dr Sir

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Finelli New York requesting me to inform him of the particulars of the death of one Barba which occurred in the month of Feby 1869. If you will take the trouble to furnish me the information called for in this letter together with the Certificate of the Coroner you will greatly oblige

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor
By Jas B. Thompson
Pri. Sec.

Feby 5. 70

Capt. Carl Wulsten
Care Wolf Levi Mapick & Co
Sheridan Kansas.

Sir

I enclose the commissions of the officers of the "Colfax Guard" named in your letter of Jan 2nd as having been duly elected at a meeting of the German Colonization Society held on that day, viz

Company A	Capt.	Rudolph Jeskes
"	1st. Lieut.	August Bilose
" "	2nd Lieut.	Fredk. Kohl.
Company B	Capt.	Theodor Hamler
" "	1st. Lieut.	George Kropman
" "	2nd Lieut.	John Koch
Quartermaster	2nd Lieut.	George Mertin

Yours very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado.

Feby 7. 70.

Hon. Geo. A. Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I nominate George W. Chillcott of Pueblo Co. for the office of Territorial Treasurer of Colorado
Byron W. Cheever of Clear Creek County for the office of Territorial Assayer of Colorado
W. S. Cheesman of Arapahoe County for the office of Territorial Auditor of Colorado.

The above nominations are made to fill vacancies occurring by reason of expiration of the term of office of present incumbents

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully Your Obt Sert
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Febr 8th 1870

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to return herewith without my approval "A Bill for an Act to change the boundaries of the Counties of Conejos, Costilla & Saguache"

The County of Conejos already contains nearly eleven thousand square miles being an area almost as large as the States of Massachusetts and Connecticutt combined. Costilla Co contains over four thousand square miles while Saguache is comparatively small. This Bill proposes to cut off more than one thousand square miles from Saguache and add it to the Counties of Costilla and Conejos which Counties must already be so large as to embarrass the administration of their local affairs. The portion proposed to be cut off is represented to me as including a large proportion of the best pastoral land of Saguache and also a considerable part of its population

As this county has been but recently organized, is sparsely populated and is even with its present limits and population but illy able to support a county organization to cut off so large a portion of their territory would be to impose additional burdens upon their people and in fact to practically destroy the future of the county

With all the disadvantages they have had to contend with the people of this County have shown an honest and conscientious desire to bear their full share of the public burdens never having appeared upon the list as delinquents for any proportion of taxes due the Territory. Their absorption by these two other Counties would probably not in any way improve the territorial finances in this respect and I think without some better reason than is apparent to me this dismemberment would be both unwise and unjust without the consent of the people most interested in the matter, a matter probably of little importance to the Legislature or the Executive but of vital importance to the people of the County.

Another objection to the Bill becoming a law is the fact that a bill has been introduced into the Congress of the United States cutting off the Counties of Costilla and Conejos from Colorado and attaching them to New Mexico. If this bill is to pass Congress I do not think it incumbent upon either the Legislature or Executive to be instrumental in including any larger part of our territory in the transfer than is already included in the limits of these two counties.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor
Feby 8. 70

Hon Geo A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills which are said to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory

A Bill for An Act to Amend an Act entitled An Act providing for changes of venue in Civil cases

A Bill for an Act to change certain Streets and alleys in the town of Pueblo

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 8th 1870

Hon Geo W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Acts certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Colorado Territory viz

An act to amend Chapter Eighty four (84) of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory
An Act to amend Section Eighteen (18) in Chapter Twenty (20) of an act to define County Boundaries and locate the county seats in Colorado Territory
An act for the protection of Growing Crops
Joint memorial for the establishment of a Land District

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Your Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 70

Hon Jacob D Cox
Secy of the Interior
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following Treasury Drafts payable to the order of Thomas Mullen & Benjamin Woodbury

No 384. on Asst. Treasr. U.S. New York for $ 8000.00
No 1749. " Colorado Natl Bk Denver " 5000.00
No 1750 " First " " " " 3000.00

I will send a competent person to inspect the Penitentiary as soon as the Legislature adjourns and shows the contract have been complied with will in compliance with your order deliver the Drafts to Messrs. Mullen & Woodbury.

Your Very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook

Feby 9. 70

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council

Sir

I nominate John J. Anderson of Arapahoe Co. to be Territorial Treasurer of Colorado to fill a vacancy.

I have the honor to be
Very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 70

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory viz
A Bill for an Act entitled an Act to amend Chapter Seventy One (71) of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory
An Act to amend an Act, entitled An Act to incorporate the City of Black Hawk approved March 11. 1864

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Your Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 10. 70

Hon Geo A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bill certified to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory viz
A Bill for an Act to Establish a School of Mines

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 10. 70

Hon George W. Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following act certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Colorado Territory viz
An act to authorize the Boards of County Commissioners of the Counties of Gilpin and Clear Creek to levy a Special tax

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feb 10. 1870

Hon Geo A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith without my approval a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the translation and printing of the laws in the Spanish language"

This Act provides for the election "by Joint Ballot of the Council & House" of a translator who shall receive the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars ($2500.00) for his services. It provides also that the printing of these laws shall be let by contract to the lowest bidder

I do not understand why the translation of these laws should not be provided for in the same economical manner as the printing.

Responsible parties have informed me that they are willing to make this translation for less than one third of the amount proposed to be appropriated in this Bill and if the Legislature consider the translation and printing of these laws in Spanish a necessity. I yet fail to see any good reason why the people of the Territory already overburdened with heavy taxes be compelled to pay Twenty Five Hundred Dollars for the performance of a task which can be accomplished for one third of that amount. I think the people would be unwilling to pay this additional sum merely for the purpose of enabling the Assembly to indulge in a Legislative novelty by exercising the appointing power — a power which I have heretofore conscientiously believed was vested in the Executive

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Your Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 10. 1870

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in the Council of the Territory of Colorado viz

An Act entitled an Act to amend Chapter Three (3) of the revised Statutes of Colorado concerning Aliens.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Your Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 10. 70

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory viz

A Bill for an Act to Amend Chapter Seventy Six (76) of the revised Statutes of Colorado Territory.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Your Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11th 70.

Hon George W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Colorado Territory viz

An Act for the relief of Costilla County

House Concurrent Resolution. "requesting the President of the United States to nominate John D. McIntyre of the County of Arapahoe Colorado Territory a cadet at large to the Military Academy of the United States

I have the honor to be
very Respy Your Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70.

Hon Geo A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory viz

"An Act Amendatory of Chapter Eighteen (18) of the Revised Statutes of Colorado concerning Corporations

"An Act to provide for the Drainage of Mines"

An Act to establish the counties of Bent and Greenwood

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feb 11. 70

Hon George A. Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory —
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory concerning the "Fort Collins Reservation".

I have the honor to be
very Respy Yr obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11 70.

Hon George W. Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Colorado Territory viz

An Act relating to the competency of witnesses in Civil Cases.

An Act to provide for the protection of fish in Colorado Territory

An Act to repeal section two hundred and forty five (245) of Chapter twenty two (22) of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory

House joint resolution concerning the jurisdiction of Probate Courts

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor.

Feby 11th '70

Hon Geo. W. Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Colorado Territory viz

An act to amend chapter forty five (45) Section four (4) of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

~~Hon~~ Feb 11. 70

Hon Geo A Hinsdale
President of the Council of Col Terry

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day signed the Bill certified to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory viz

An Act to amend the Act of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory, approved Jan 10. 1868 on pages 471 – 475 of the Revised Statutes

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 1st 1870

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Col Terry
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory viz:

An Act to provide for the per diem of George A Hinsdale and William M. Roworth.

An Act relating to the Judges of the Supreme Court of Colorado Territory

An Act to repeal a certain portion of Section one of Article two (2) of Chapter fifty four (54) of the Revised Statutes of Col. Terry

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Your Obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 11 '70

Hon Geo W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Col Terry
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Col Terry viz

An Act additional to Chapter eighteen (18) of the Revised Statutes entitled Corporations

An Act to preserve Game in Colorado

An Act to promote [illegible] Agriculture [illegible] [illegible]

An Act entitled An Act for the establishment of an and [illegible] Agricultural College

An Act entitled an Act to amend Chapter [illegible] of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory

An Act to change the name of Stephen Walter Ralph of Arapahoe County to Clarence Ralph.

An Act for the relief of prospectors and locators of veins or lodes of quartz or other rock on the mineral lands of the Public domain

I have the honor to be Very Respy Your Obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Hon Geo A. Hinsdale
President of the Council
Sir

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Article one (1) Chapter Sixty one Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory I have the honor to nominate for Major General of the First Military Division Horatio B. Bearce of Arapahoe County. For Major Genl of the Second Military Division Jno B. Rice of Pueblo Co For Brigadier Genl of the 1st. Division William A. Arnold of Gilpin County. For Brigadier Genl of the Second Division Carl Wulsten of Fremont County For Brigadier Genl of the Second Division J. D. Miller of Pueblo County for Inspector Genl. Geo T Clark of Arapahoe County

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feb 11. 70

Hon Geo W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Colorado Territory viz
Substitute for H.B No 43
H.B. No 74
H B No 83
H.B. No 118.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70

Hon George W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Col Terry
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day signed and approved the following bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Col Terry viz

An Act entitled an act for the relief of George B Mitchell of Gilpin County

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yr obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70.

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory -
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council of Colorado Terry: viz

Council Bill No 43 -
C. B. " 48 (?)
C B " 51.
C B " 81. (?)
C. B " 83 (?)
C. B " 86.
C. B " 62.

I have the honor to be
Respy Yr obt Svt
Edward M McCook.
Governor

Feby 11th 70

Hon Geo A Hinsdale
President of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to nominate Wilbur C. Lothrop to be Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Territory of Colorado and George T. Clark to be Territorial Treasurer.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70

Hon Geo A Hinsdale
President of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the Council of Col Terry viz

An Act to provide for the General Expenses of the Territory for the Years 1870 and 1871.

An Act to amend Chapter twenty two of the Revised Statutes of Col Terry entitled an Act Concerning Criminal Jurisprudence

Council Concurrent Resolution No 3.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70

Hon George W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of Col Terry viz

An Act to dissolve the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between James Napp and Mary A. Napp —

An Act to change the name of Mary Adela McFarland of Boulder County and for her relief —

An act to dissolve the Bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between William Brought and Mary Brought

An act for the relief of Arapahoe County

House Joint Resolution concerning Chinese immigration

An act to amend section second (2) of Chapter Fifty Three (53) of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yr obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70

Hon Geo A Hinsdale
President of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in the Council of Col Terry viz

A Bill for An Act for the relief of John B Rice of Pueblo County

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yr obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 11th 70

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I nominate James B Thompson of Arapahoe County for the office of Territorial Auditor of Colorado Territory and Eugene [illegible] of Gilpin County for the office of Territorial Aſsayer

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the Council of Col Terry viz

A Bill for an Act to provide for the aſsesment and collection of revenue

An Act amendatory to the Act to incorporate the Apex and Gregory Wagon Road Compy

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 1870

Hon George W. Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed the following bills certified certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

A Bill for an Act for the relief of Fremont County

Joint Resolution concerning Artesian Wells.

House concurrent Resolution concerning the per diem allowances of Secretaries and Clerks after the adjournment of the Legislature

An Act entitled an Act to change the name of Frank Martin Douglass to Frank Desselem Cook

An Act to amend an act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Georgetown.

An act to amend Chapter Twenty five of the revised Statutes relating to District Courts and also Chapter Thirty One relating to Supreme Courts

A Bill for an act to amend Chapter fifty four of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory

Joint Resolution for the relief of J Hosey

An act concerning Evidence

An Act entitled An Act to amend Chapter Seventy of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory

An act to amend an act entitled An Act to incorporate the Colorado Territorial Agricultural Society.

An Act defining rights and liabilities of miners and mill men in certain cases.

An act to amend Chapter Twenty one of the Revised Statutes relating to Counties and County Officers

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt,
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11th 70

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bill which is alleged to have originated in the Council of the Territory of Colorado viz

An Act Legalizing a certain action of the County Commissioners of Clear Creek County

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70

Hon Geo W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed the following bill which is alleged to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

House Joint Memorial in relation to the University of Colorado

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 70.

Hon Geo W Miller
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have signed the following bill which originated in the House of Representatives

An act to dissolve the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Thomas G. Glover and Delilah Glover.

Have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 11. 1870.

Hon George A Hinsdale
President of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bill which originated in the Council of Col Territory

An Act to amend Chapter Twenty Eight of the Revised Statutes respecting Estrays.

Have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13. 1870

George T Clark Esq
Sir

I have the honor to notify you that you have been appointed Territorial Treasurer and so soon as the proper bond is filed your commission will be forwarded you.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
Edward M. McCook.
Governor

Feby 15th 70

Eugene Burlingame
Central City, Col Ter
Sir

Have the honor to inform you that you have been appointed and confirmed Territorial Assayer for the Territory of Colorado and that as soon as the proper bond is filed your commission will be forwarded to you.

Have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 15th 70

William C. Lothrop Esq
Sir

Have the honor to notify you hereby that you have been appointed and confirmed Superintendent of Schools for the Territory of Colorado and that as soon as the proper bond is filed your Commission will be forwarded to you.

Have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 15. 70

James B. Thompson
Denver Col Ty
Sir

You are hereby ordered to proceed to Canon City Colorado Ter'y for the purpose of inspecting the Penitentiary created there by Messrs Mullen & Woodbury contractors - and if you find that the work has been done in accordance with the terms of the contract you are instructed to turn over to them in payment for the work the accompanying Treasury Drafts for $14000.00 payable to their order.

Yrs etc
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 15. 70.

D H Moffatt.
Cashr 1st Natl Bank
Denver C.T.
Sir

James B Thompson is authorized during my absence to draw in my name any funds placed to my official credit in your bank

Respty
Edward M. McCook
Gov.

Feby 15. 70.

Carl Wulsten Esq
Presdt Germ Col. Society
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as Brigadier General of the Second Military Division of Colorado Territory

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Gov

E

County Officers Appointed
Greenwood County

County Commissioners	R. H. Clements
	John J Brush
	J. F. Buttles
Treasurer "	Geo. W. Stearns
County Clerk	James D Allen
Justice of the Peace	Thomas W Johnson
Probate Judge	Jerome A. Dorman
Sheriff †	Chas Tennison. Kit Carson

† Appg Actg Gov Hall

Bent County

Commissioners	John W. Prowers	Ft Lyon
	Philip W Lander	Bents Fort
	J. Q. A. King x	
County Clerk	Harry Wrigham	Ft Lyon
Treasurer	Mark B Price	Bents Fort
Probate Judge	— Moore	Ft Lyon
Sheriff	Thomas Boggs	do.

x Not in Territory — Theo. Gaussoin of Ft Lyon appt. instead by Act. Gov. Hall

Feby 22. 70

Thomas Boggs Esq
Fort Lyon Col Ter
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as Sheriff of Bent County Col Ter. Please acknowledge receipt of the same and remit fee of $2.50 for affixing Seal to this office.

I have the honor to be
Very truly Yr Obt Servt
Jas B Thompson
Pr Sec

Feby 22. '70

Mark B Price
Bents Fort C.T.
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as Treasurer of Bent County Colorado Ter. Please acknowledge receipt of same and remit fee of $2.50 for affixing seal to this office.

Very truly
Yr Obt Servt
Jas B Thompson
Pr Secy

Feby. 22. 70

John W. Prowers
Fort Lyon C.T.

Sir

Have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as County Commissioner for the County of Bent Col. Ter.

Please acknowledge receipt of same and transmit fee of $2.50 for affixing seal to this office

Have the honor to be
Very Truly Your obt. svt.
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Feby 22. 70

Philip W. Lander
Bents Fort C.T.

Sir

Have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as County Commissioner for Bent County C.T. Please acknowledge receipt of the same and remit fee of $2.50 for affixing seal to this office

Have the honor to be
Very truly Yr obt. svt.
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Feby 22. 70

J. Q. A. King
Bents Fort C.T.

Sir

Have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as County Commissioner for the County of Bent Col. Ter. Please acknowledge the receipt of the same and remit fee of $2.50 for affixing seal to this office

Have the honor to be
Very truly Yr obt. svt.
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

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[illegible]

Feby 22d. 70

Harry Whigham Esqr
Fort Lyon C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as County Clerk of Bent County Col Ter. Please acknowledge receipt of same and remit fee of $2.50 for affixing seal to this office

I have the honor to be
very truly Your Obt Servt
James B Thompson
Pr Secy

Feby 22. 70

Hon Jacob D Cox
Secretary of the Interior
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Treasury Draft No 384 on Asst. Treasr of the U.S. New York for the sum of Six Thousand Dollars ($6000.00) payable to the order of Thomas Mullen & Benjamin Woodbury

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Govr.

L.

March 4.

His Excellency
Edward M McCook
Governor of Colorado
Sir

I have the honor to report that I have inspected the Penitentiary erected at Cañon City by Messrs Mullen & Woodbury contractors and having found the building completed and the work done in accordance with the specifications of the Contract I have in compliance with your instructions of Feb 10th 1870 accepted the institution and turned over to the said Mullen & Woodbury the amount of Twenty Two Thousand

Dollars ($22,000 00/100) for the first second and third payments as stipulated in the contract.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's Most Obt. Svt.
James B. Thompson

March 21. 70

Messrs Mullen & Woodbury

Gentlemen

I have the honor to hand you herewith a certificate attesting the faithful performance of your contract in the erection of the Penitentiary at Canon City and would respectfully request your acknowledgment of its receipt.

Yrs very truly
James B Thompson

March 26. 70

Messrs Asher Adams & Higgins
335 Bdway New York

Gentlemen

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst I have the honor to return you list of Counties and County Seats in this Territory corrected and also enclose copy of the act of the last Legislature creating the counties of Bent and Greenwood.

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor C.T.

May 3. 70

Isaac W. Mann
and David McShane
Monument El Paso Co C.T.

Gentlemen

In compliance with your request of April 29th I send you two (2) Spencer Rifles and two Hundred rounds of ammunition and enclose receipt for the same which you will please sign and return to this office.

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor Col. Ter.

May 8. 70

Wray Beattie Esq
Canon City Colorado
My Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Mar 24 enclosing a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the Citizens of Fremont County expressing their approval of the course I pursued in rendering some assistance to the German Colony which has lately settled in your County.

Will you permit me to thank you and thro you the citizens who took part in this meeting for the kind expression of approval these resolutions contain.

I returned from the East only the day before yesterday which explains why your letter was not acknowledged sooner.

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook

May 8 70

Maj Gen Jno. Schofield.
St Louis Mo
Sir:

I wrote you in Feby requesting that a detachment of Cavalry might be sent into this Territory early in the Spring. I hope you may see proper to comply with my request not only for the reasons stated in that communication but because should operations be carried on against hostile Indians North West & South East of us the natural result would be to drive these predatory bands into our frontier settlements. I think that a Squadron or Battalion of Cavalry stationed where the Cavalry was last year would assure the safety of the settlements and hope the request I have made & now renew may be complied with.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Denver C.T. May 23. 1870

H. J. Roberts Esq.
Monument C.T.

Sir

Your letter asking for arms and ammunition recd. this day.

I forward to you this day two (2) Spencer Rifles and one hundred fifty (150) cartridges. I enclose a receipt which you will be required to sign and return to this office.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

May 24. 70

Hon. Hugh Butler
Central Colorado

Sir

I enclose you the pardon of John Schepler granted in accordance with the petition of the Dist Atty Sheriff and other citizens of Gilpin County, as the petition was forwarded by you to this office. I enclose the pardon to your care instead of directly to the Sheriff.

I have the honor to be
Your Very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

May

Messrs Collier & Hall
Central City Col T.

Gentlemen

Please print and forward to this office at your earliest convenience Five Hundred (500) Envelopes same size & style as the last order

& oblige
Yours very truly
Edward M. McCook
Gov.

July 27.

Messrs Collier & Hall
Central City Col Ty
Gentlemen

I am directed by his Excellency Gov McCook to request you to bind in your best style and in one volume a copy of the Laws of 1870 and of the Governor's message to the Legislative Assembly and send it to this office as soon as convenient.

Yrs very truly
Jas B. Thompson
Pr Secy

July 29.

Hon Moses Hallett C.J. Hon C.S. Eyster Hon. J.B. Belford Associate Justices

You are requested to meet at my office this day at 4 O'clock P.M. for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before the Board established by the Act of Feb 11. 1870 to promote arable agriculture by artesian irrigation

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

July 30. 1870

My Dear Governor

I received your letter in relation to the Utes near Fort Bridger last night. The Utes you refer to are Pi-Utes or Utah Utes over whom I have no control. They have their own agents in Utah and never come over the border except to seduce any more virtuous children into some sort of mischief. P.a.ch. told me two or three [illegible] Judge and Governor [illegible] Indians belonging to the White River Band had gone off with some of the Utahs to [illegible] the Mormons he tells imparted this information, that they had no ears and would not listen to good advice.

I regret more than I can express the fact that Genl Augur cannot supply any troops to protect the citizens of Colorado and Wyoming in pursuit of their lawful avocations. I suppose the interests of the Railroad Companies are paramount and from a practical point of view it is probably impossible for these troops to carry off any portion of the Railroad. Yet I suppose it is considered of importance to secure the carriage of Eastern travellers and subserve the pecuniary interest of these Railroads than to protect the lives of the men, women and children who have come here to make homes, who have no other capital than their brave hearts and strong arms.

I feel very bitterly about this thing as you represent it to me because I cannot understand why a General of the Army of the United States should prefer to protect the wood and iron of a "Soulless corporation" rather than the lives of helpless women and children and the hard working miners of this territory and mine.

Please write to Genl Augur tonight.

Yours very truly,
Edward M. Lee

Govr. J. A. Campbell
Cheyenne
Wyoming.

July 31, '69

Genl C. C. Augur, Comdg &c.
Omaha Nebraska
My dear Genl.

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me the escort kindly promised me by the Secy of War to that I can march from Rawlings Springs about the 15th August or before. I would like to have all of the well mounted men belonging to the company of Capt. Thos B. Dewees, 2nd Cavalry. They are the most convenient and veteran troops, know the country and are accustomed to Indian fighting. In the present unsettled condition of affairs I would not feel disposed to make the trip I propose without such escort as will enable me to go where I please and arrest any Indians among the Utes who have committed crime. It will be of incalculable benefit to the Government and the people to show these Utes that troops can be sent through the whole of that mountain country where the late murders were committed. I believe the Utes innocent but with people such as they a display of power is never lost and if you give me the company I request it will I think save both of us much future trouble and anxiety and the Government possibly an expensive and protracted war.

Will you permit me General to suggest that it not only may be bad policy but suicidal policy both to railroad and Government to keep so many of your troops along the railroad. The Indians can't carry the road away. They have never made any serious attack upon it. They could only inflict grave injury upon points such as bridges to which infantry can guard and yet the settlements in the Territories are left unprotected while the road is lined by bodies of cavalry which I think might be so disposed as to suppress all Indian troubles in Colorado & possibly Wyoming. Now as a matter of policy is it not better to foster these frontier Territories for upon their prosperity must depend the future of all these railroads. As a matter of humanity and justice is it not better to protect the lives of my people than the bridges and culverts of even so powerful a corporation as the Union Pacific Rail Road Company. Personally both here and in the hereafter I would much rather appear as the champion and protector of the mothers and children and men of Colorado than of all the soulless and conscienceless iron and tin of any railroad in the sentiments, and I know you agree with me.

I tell you honestly the [illegible] is making a fatal mistake also by withdrawing all your troops to protect their lines. It not only paralyzes the life which feeds them in the present but creates for the future an insurmountable prejudice.

Be kind enough to answer by telegraph whether I can have the escort I desire.

Have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servant
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado

Aug 2.

Hon R. W. Taylor
1st Comptroller
Washington D.C.
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to request that you will forward me my salary for the quarter ending June 30th, and also part of my contingent fund for this year. I suppose it has been heretofore overlooked in the press of other business.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor &c

Aug 3rd

Hon W. F. Stone
Dist. Atty 3rd Jud. Dist.
Pueblo Col. Ter.
Sir

Pardon

I have the honor to forward enclosed the petition of Citizens of Las Animas County for the pardon of José Silvester Raymond convicted of Larceny at the last term of the Dist. Court in said County

I would respectfully request that you furnish me with such information as will enable me to act justly in this case

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr obt svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Col Ter

Aug 3 -

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to enclose the application of Frank Hall Esq Secy of Colorado for leave of absence with my approval thereon

I hope the application may receive your early and favorable consideration

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Aug

Special Order }
No 1.

I. The Adjutant General of Colorado Territory will immediately collect all the Springfield Breech loading muskets and ammunition therefore belonging to the Territory and deposit them in his office in Denver.

II He will also collect all the other public arms belonging to the Territory except such as are properly receipted for, have them transported to Denver and immediately have them placed in good serviceable condition.

III He will also take charge of all the ammunition belonging to the Territory and report the amount on hand to these Head quarters

IV He will aso provide a proper place for the storage and protection of the Arms and ammunition belonging to the Territory and will hereafter be strictly responsible for their care and safe keeping

V After ascertaining the quantity and value of arms on hand the Adjutant General will execute a sufficient Bond for their care and safe keeping

On the reception of this order the Adjutant General will report in person to these Head Quarters

Edward M. McCook
Governor & Commander in Chief
of the Colorado Militia

Aug 6

Genl. H B Bearce
President Colorado Agricultural Society
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter inviting me to deliver the annual address before the Colorado Agricultural Society.

Thank you for the compliment. The invitation is accepted.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook

Aug 8.

Maj Genl John Pope
Comdg Department
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of this date.

I think as a matter of policy troops should be stationed at all the agencies both for the protection of the Govt property & employees and the enforcement of the laws of the United States.

I most respectfully and earnestly recommend that at least one good company be sent to that lower agency in command of some efficient and intelligent officer one of judgment and experience.

There is sufficient subsistence in the vicinity of the agency and good quarters can be constructed from the Govt mills.

The head chief of the Utes has suggested that these troops be stationed there and gives substantially the same reasons I have written and even before this suggestion I had intended requesting that these troops be stationed at this point.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Telegram

Denver Sept 1

[illegible] Trinidad

[illegible] Lucio [illegible] Ramon was pardoned to day on representations of the sufficient [illegible] The pardon will be sent to you

Edward M McCook
Governor

Sept 1.

Hon Jesse [illegible]
Trinidad Colorado

My Dear Sir

I telegraphed you today that the pardon of Ramon has been granted and tonight I enclose it under cover to Hon J B Chaffee at [illegible] House Trinidad

I have the honor to be
Your Very Obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Sept 2.

To Sylvester W Griffin
Deputy Sheriff
Park Co

Sir

Enclosed please find copy of letter from the State Dept at Washington accompanying the original to this office of a letter from the British Minister enclosing a copy of the letter to him from Mr Whiteford informing him of the death of Lt Wheatley Royal Artillery. The following is the extract from Mr [illegible] [illegible] letter to which your attention is called and the request that you furnish this office at the earliest possible moment the official report of the inquest so that it may be forwarded to England as required

Extract

"It seems that an inquest was held upon the body. I should be much obliged to you

If you would we request the proper authorities to furnish such information as part of the inquest so that I may send it to England for the satisfaction of the heirs if they can be found.

Be kind enough to have the Clerk of the Court of your County certify officially under the seal of the Court to your official character if any thing should prevent the Clerk from doing it have it done by a Notary Public.

Edward M. McCook
Governor

Sept 3

Hon Alfred E. Lea
Black Hawk C.T.

Sir

Your letter soliciting appt as Notary Public for Boulder Co is received. In order to comply with the requirements of the law it will be necessary for you to file your Bond in the Secretary's office. I have caused a Blank form to be sent you on filling out and returning which your commission will be issued.

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Sept. 7

W. C. Lothrop
Supt. of Public Instruction
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to request that you furnish me at your earliest convenience a report of the condition of the Public Schools in this Territory

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Sept. 21.

To the Hon. Hamilton Fish.
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for your information a certified copy of the verdict rendered by the coroners jury in the case of J. H. Wheatly deceased and also a copy of the accompanying letter of Sylvester R. Laffin County Clerk & Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court for the County of Park in which the inquest was held

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Oct 15

Carl Wulsten Esqr
Prest. German Col. Co.
Colfax Fremont Co Col. Ter.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing a petition of many residents of Wet Mountain Valley and a communication from the officers of your company both addressed to the President of the United States setting forth that by reason of the failure of their crops your people are in want of the necessaries of life.

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day forwarded the papers referred to with my recommendation that the President give his assent to the proposition to furnish your suffering people with rations the coming winter.

I would also assure you of my sorrow at the unfortunate condition of affairs in your community and of the regret I feel because of my inability to render more substantial assistance.

I will however make every effort to enlist the sympathy of the people here and to secure subscriptions toward the colony.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Oct 19.

His Excellency
U. S. Grant
President of the United States

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith forward petitions from the officers and members German Colonization Society of Colfax Fremont county Colorado asking the assistance of the Government to relieve them from a state of destitution.

I have since the reception of their letter subscribed as liberally as my means will allow and induced other citizens to contribute towards buying and sending provisions to these suffering people but the amount raised will not be sufficient to furnish provisions during the whole winter.

Consequently I forward their petitions with the recommendation that if practicable the Commanding officer of the nearest post Fort Reynolds be instructed to issue such rations as they may absolutely require

I have the honor to be
Your very resptl Obt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Petition to
the President of the U. S.
from the German Colonization Society
Colfax county Colorado for relief.

Executive Office
Colorado Territory
Oct. 19.

Respectfully forwarded with the recommendation that the prayer of the within petitions be granted

Edward M. McCook
Governor

(Oct. 21)

Hon J A Campbell
Governor of Wyoming Ter
Cheyenne Wy.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to your Requisition directed to me and dated August 8th 1870 Samuel Anderson charged with offences against "Public morality" in Laramie County Wyoming Territory has been Arrested and lodged in the Jail of Arapahoe County to await your further actions

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Oct. 28.

Hon Edward Rummel
Secy of State
Springfield Ills

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one copy of 9th Vol Illinois Supreme Court Reports for the use of the Territory of Colorado.

Have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Octr 31,

Christian Ries Esqr
Central City C.T.

Sir

In reply to your letter of this date I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary is absent and that his approval of your Bond is required by the Statute before your Certificate can Issue see Chap 24. Sec 3. P 262 R.S.

I regret the circumstances which forbid my giving the certificate necessary to enable you to enter upon your duties at once.

I have had your Bond forwarded to the Secretary and on his returning & approval I will perfect your certificate

Very Respy Yr obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Govr

Attorney General of the
United States
Census Statistics of mines in Colorado
for the Year 1870.

Respectfully referred to Hon G. B. Rockwell U.S. Dist. Atty with the request that he furnish this office as soon as practicable with the statistics required

Executive Office
Nov 1. 1870.

Edward M. McCook,
Governor

Thanksgiving Proclamation

In accordance with the Christian usage of our people and in compliance with the proclamation of the President of the United States I Edward M. McCook Governor of the Territory of Colorado do hereby appoint and set apart as a day of public Thanksgiving and praise

Thursday Nov 24. 1870

And I do hereby recommend to the people of this Territory that upon that day they all unite in returning thanks to Almighty God for exemption from war pestilence and famine, for plentiful harvests for increased prosperity and for all the abundant blessings and mercies he has vouchsafed to us during the past year and in humbly asking for a continuance of His favor

Given under my hand and the seal of the Territory in the Executive Chamber at Denver this thirty first day of October A.D. 1870

Edward M. McCook

Nov 1. 70

Hon. A. T. Akerman
Attorney Genl. of the United States
Washington D.C.
Sir

In reply to your circular dated October 13. 1870. I have the honor to inform you that I have referred your communication to the U.S. District Attorney and desired him to furnish the statistics required by you.

He will endeavour to have them prepared and forwarded to you by the time stated in your letter.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yr obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado

Oct 31.

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to apply for thirty days leave of absence from December 1st 1870. For the purpose of attending to important pecuniary interests outside the Territory.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Nov 7th

Messrs Collier & Hall
Editors Daily Register
Central City Col

Gentlemen

I enclose for a copy of my proclamation setting apart the 24th day of November 1870 as a day of thanksgiving which you will please publish untill the day designated

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Likewise sent to
Chieftain Pueblo
J. P. Smith Enterprise Mundad
D. J. Swinten News Boulder
G. W. Barnard Miner Georgetown
Geo West Transcript Golden City
J. J. Campbell Col. Herald Central
O. J. Goldrick R.M. Herald Denver

E. W. Staratte
Denver Col.
Applies for position of Mail Agt.

Executive Off.
Nov 1. 1870

Respectfully forwarded with recommendation that Mr Staratte be appointed
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Hon. Creswell
P M Genl

Nov 9.

Sir

In reply to a letter from your Dept. dated Oct 31st. I have the honor to say that the "Colorado Chieftain" newspaper supports the Administration. So I am informed altho I have not seen it since the change of proprietor. Before this change it was published in the interest of the opposition.

Very Resp'y Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Chief Clerk
War Department
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 16.

Sir:

Your letter to Gov. McCook I have the honor of answering in the Governor's absence and I take pleasure in giving you the information you request as well as in acknowledging several copies of your excellent paper.

I have already partially complied with your request by forwarding to you copies of two of our leading weekly papers the News & Tribune copies of addresses to the Agricultural Societies and the message of Gov. McCook to the Legislative Assembly. You can rely upon the accuracy of the statements made in these documents and I think that Colorado will commend itself to the class of emigrants you mention before all other new countries.

I would refer you to the following named leading citizens of the Territory from whom Emigrants may obtain reliable information viz

Hon J B Chaffee. Denver
" D H Moffat Jr "
" D. C. Collier [illegible] Register Central City

Hon Moses Hallett (Chief Justice) Pueblo, C.T.
Otto von Haagen Colorado City C.T.
Thatcher Bros. Trinidad C.T.
Horace Greeley or N.C. Meeker Greeley C.T.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

To the Editor
of "The Free West"
London
England

Dec 30 '70

This is to certify that John Armor has this day returned in good order and condition forty (40) Spencer Carbines the property of Colorado Territory being the number loaned him for the use of his employees May 15. 1870.

James B. Thompson
for Edward M. McCook
Govr C.T.

Feby 2d. '71

Albert W. Archibald
Trinidad C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith four Commissions as Notary Public within and for the County of Las Animas

Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Feby 26. 71.

James McDonald Esq
Pueblo C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith your commission as a Notary Public within and for the county of Pueblo dated Nov 21. 1870

Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Leavy

Feby 26. 71

William L. Carter Esq
Denver C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose your commission as a Notary Public within and for the county of Arapahoe dated Nov 16. 1870

Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Leavy

March 2nd 71.

Private W. Agnew (2)
Lucas Forbes. Dakota. Terr

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ult and herewith inform you that you will have to make application to the proper authorities at Washington if you have not rec'd your pay for services in the 2nd Col Vol Cav as the Territory has nothing to do with the pecuniary claims of the Regiment in question

Yours
Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Leavy
In Govr McCook

March 27. 71.

Hon James McDonald
Secy of the Commonwealth
Richmond Va
Sir
I herewith
acknowledge receipt of
One copy Acts 1869. 70.
I have the honor to be
most respectfully
Your obt Svt
James B Thompson
Pr Secy

List of accoutrements transferred
from Public School Building to
Armory March 29. 1871.

362. Bayonet Scabbards. (Belgian)
382 Carbine Slings
127. Swivels
272 Cap Boxes.

James B Thompson

April 3' 1871

Hon Willis Drummond
Commr of the General Land Office
Washington D.C.
Sir

In the absence of Gov McCook I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 31st requesting a copy of the latest published Statutes of this Territory. I have this day sent you by mail

One Copy Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory
One Copy of the General Laws &c of the Eighth Session of the Legislative Assembly

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
James B Thompson
Pr Secy

April 11. 71.

List of applications to Gov. McCook for appointment as Notaries Public & Comrs of Deeds handed to W.H. Townsend Secretary's Clerk this date

Daniel H. Nelson	Denver (by J.M. Case)	Not. Pub.	Mch 17.	71.
Chas. W. Anderson	N. York (Fredk R. Anderson)	Comr of Deeds.	Mar 27.	71.
Fredk R. Anderson	N. York	Comr of Deeds.	Mar 31.	71.
Saml. J. Carpenter	Cincinnatti (J.B. Stalls)	Comr of Deeds.	Apr 5.	71
James Runnels	Central C.T.	Not. Pub.	Mar 14.	71

April 14 1871.

Genl. E.D. Townsend
Adjutant General U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated April 7th 1871. and enclosing communications addressed to Majors Anthony and Wynkoop. formerly of 1st Colorado Cavalry. Major Anthony resides in this City and the letter addressed to him I have this day delivered. From the best information I can obtain Major Wynkoop's address is Pottsville Pennsylvania to which place I have forwarded the letter addressed to him.

I have the honor to be
Your Very Obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor
By Jas. B. Thompson
Pr. Secy

April 17. 71

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to request that you will forward to me at your earliest convenience a certified copy of the law passed at the last Session of Congress providing for the Legislative apportionment of Colorado Terry. The provisions of the law require this apportionment to be made before the first of June 1871. and we have no copy of the law in our possession.

Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

April 17. 71

W. R. Fowler Esqr.
Canon City. Colorado.
My Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 11th in relation to School Section 36. of T. 19. R. 70. W in your county and have referred the matter to L. C. Rockwell Esq U.S. District attorney for the Territory requesting him to take the necessary steps for ejecting the parties trespassing on the land. Of course it will be necessary for you to furnish him all the facts before he can proceed and for this purpose you had better write him in full at Central City. If I can give you any further aid write to me

Yrs Truly
Edward M. McCook

April 1[illegible], '71.

J. O. Rockwell
U.S. Dist. Atty.
Central City Col.

My Dear Sir!

I enclose you a letter from Mr W. R. Fowler, County Supt. of Schools for Fremont Co asking some advice in relation to ejecting parties who have located on school lands in that county.

Have written to Mr Fowler stating that this matter would be referred to you and requesting that he would write and furnish you all the information necessary for your guidance in the case. If I can be of any assistance write to me.

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook

April 19. '71.

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 12th inst. asking for a correct list of the counties and County seats in this Territory.

I return herewith the list forwarded by you with the necessary corrections.

I will be obliged to you if you will send me a copy of the "Gazetteer" for the use of the Territory.

Very Respectfully
Edward M. McCook
Governor

To
Messrs Walker & James T. Higgins
335. Broadway
New York

April 17th 71

Hon Willis Drummond
Commr Genl Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 17th "C" requesting the return of your instructions because "they" through inadvertance failed to receive a date. Upon examining the instructions I find that they are dated as follows.

Department of the Interior
General Land Office Mch 28. 1871

Should you still desire the instructions returned be kind enough to inform me and I will forward them at once by return mail

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known

That I Edward M. McCook Governor of Colorado Territory, under and by virtue of the Authority vested in me by law do hereby grant a full free and unconditional Pardon unto William H Bennett who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the laws of the said Territory at the December Term 1870. of the District Court of the first Judicial District sitting within and for the County of Weld in the Territory aforesaid

Pardon

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this Twenty fifth day of April. A.D. 1871.
Edward M. McCook
Governor of the Territory

May 3. '71

James McDonald Esqr.
Pueblo, Colorado

My Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. in relation to the appointment of a District Attorney for your District.

I would be most happy to comply with your request and appoint Judge Bradford but I have nothing of an official character in my possession to show that any vacancy exists. On the contrary my records show that Mr. Green was duly elected and commissioned and on the 1st day of November entered upon the discharge of his duties. This is the only record in the case and neither myself nor the auditing or accounting officers possess knowledge of any action on the part of the Courts except through public rumour.

Should I be satisfied of the existence of a vacancy I will appoint Judge Bradford most cheerfully

Yours very truly
Edward M. McCook

May 3. '71.

Marmaduke Green Esq.
Dist. Atty &c

My Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in relation to the action of Judge Hallett in your case. The law imposes upon me simply the duty of issuing your commission when satisfied of your election. With this act I presume my power in the premises ceases. I dont see anything that I can do as I am as powerless to control the action of the Courts as yourself.

I should be happy however to receive any suggestions you may make

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook

May 6. '71

Dn Gonzales Romero

Sir:

Acting upon the recommendations of the Hon Chief Justice of Col Ter. and of the District Attorney for the 3rd Judicial District. I have granted the prayer of many citizens of your district in reference to Victor Gonzales. and I herewith enclose a full free and unconditional pardon unto the said Victor Gonzales.

Yours Truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

May 29. '71

Charles C. Post Esq.
Central City C. T.

Sir

Pardon

In response to the Petition of the Hon. James B. Belford Judge of the Second Judicial District. C. C. Post Dist. Atty. and numerous citizens of Gilpin County. I have the honor to forward herewith the Pardon of William Howe who was convicted of Larceny at the November 1870 Term of the District Court in Gilpin County

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Copy

June 6th. 1871

Proclamation

Whereas the United States Marshal for the Territory of Colorado has officially notified me that the Penitentiary is in readiness to receive for confinement therein persons convicted of crime under the laws of this Territory

now therefore in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the act entitled An act relating to the Penitentiary and persons convicted of crime and to provide therefor - approved Feb 11. A.D. 1870 I Edward M. McCook Governor of the Territory of Colorado do hereby notify the Sheriffs of the several counties of Colorado that the said Penitentiary is ready for the reception of prisoners and do require said Sheriffs to remove to said Penitentiary all persons remaining in the jails or other places of confinement of the several counties of the Territory and subject to imprisonment in the said Penitentiary 6

Edward M. McCook
Governor

Copies sent to

Tribune	Denver
News	"
Herald	"
Register	Central
Chieftain	Pueblo
Miner	Georgetown
Transcript	Golden
Tribune	Greeley

June 6th

Proclamation

In pursuance of an act of the Congreſs of the United States approved Feby 21st AD 1871. An apportionment of the members of the Legislative Aſsembly of the Territory of Colorado has been made and the following certificate of said apportionment is hereby published for the information of the people of the said Territory.

Edward M. McCook
Governor

June 30. 1871.

B. F. Bush Esq.
Manager Co. W. Tel. Co.
Denver C. T.
Sir:

Will you be kind enough to perfect the accompanying vouchers and return them to this office. I make this request by order of Gov. McCook and would say in explanation that in accounting for expenditures of this kind vouchers in triplicate are required from this office.

If you can not consistently with your rules and regulations comply with this request I would feel obliged to you if you will so state hereon.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt.
James B. Thompson
Priv Secy

July 27. 71.

J. M. Baird Esq.
Golden City
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter asking the appointment of A. R. Taylor Esq of St. Louis as Com'r of Deeds for this Territory.

In compliance with your recommendation I have instructed the Secretary to make the appointment.

Yrs Truly
Edward M. McCook,

July 27. 71.

Mr Otto Von Hagen.
Colorado City Col
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in relation to the death of [illegible] and assure you that you have my sincere sympathy in your afflictions and shall have my assistance in securing the official certificate and other papers you desire.

I have forwarded your letter and its enclosure to Surgeon A Dwelson U S A at Fort Fred Steele and requested him to communicate with me.

Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M McCook

July 27. 71

Capt. A Dwelson.
Asst. Surgeon U S A
My Dear Sir

Permit me to thank you for the courtesy and promptness with which you answered my letter in relation to the late Mr Von Hagen.

I enclose a letter from his father which explains itself, and if you can forward the requisite certificate through me I will see that it reaches him

Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M McCook

July 8th 71.

His Excellency
The President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Ouray the principal Chief of the Confederated Utes of Colorado came here this morning from their Southern Agency for the purpose of talking to me about their Agent Mr. Jabez N. Trask. He says that Mr Trask does not appear to understand the treatment of Indians. That he will not issue to them their usual and sufficient rations. That he appears to be continually suspicious of their motives and misinterprets their intentions. That he avoids as much as possible all contact with them and is not cordial or friendly as they expect and desire from their Agent.
Ouray says that altho he has no feeling whatever against Mr Trask, he thinks him unfit for Agent because entirely ignorant of Indians or Indian Character. That it would be better for the Government and the Indians if a change should be made and it ought to be done promptly or the tribes will all leave the Agency.

This is the substance of this Chief's statements made in presence of Hon J.B. Chaffee who was present by my request.

I desire to say that Ouray is a man worthy of confidence and whose statement you can give full credit to. he possesses much more than ordinary intelligence and is the wisest and best of his tribe. He has great influence with all the Utahs and this influence and this influence has always been exercised on the side of peace and progress and to his efforts more than anything else is due the continued good conduct of the tribe.

I feel some delicacy in writing about this matter as I [illegible] nected officially with Indian Affairs but it is done at the request of Ouray who suggested the name of Col Alfred Pfeiffer as a good man "who knew the Utes and all about them". I do not know Col P personally but he has resided in this country about twenty five years and is I believe a good man.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Hon Hermann Glafcke
Secretary of Wyoming Terry
Cheyenne W.T.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will perfect the within certificate by affixing under the Seal of the Territory your certificate to the effect that John W. Hugus was at the time stated authorized to act as Justice of the Peace in the County of Carbon W.T. and that is his official Signature and Seal attached.

Please return the Certificate to this office as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. M. McCook
Governor

Aug 23 1871.

Hon James McDonald
Secy of the Commonwealth
Richmond Va.

Sir

I herewith acknowledge receipt of

One Copy Acts Assembly 1870-71

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully
Your obt Svt
James B Thompson
Pr Secy

Aug 24 71.

Capt. John Lawrence
Saguache Col Ter.

Sir

I send you by the wagon of Mr Musgrave One Thousand rounds of Spencer Rifle ammunition to be used by your company in case of Indian invasion or outbreak

It is expected that you will as commanding officer see that this ammunition is properly cared for and not improperly used.

I also send by same conveyance and in your care eighty (80) rounds of ammunition for needle guns which please deliver to Chitari &c – (3) Utes and return the enclosed receipts and oblige

Yrs very Truly
James B Thompson
Pr Secy

Aug 28 - 71

Hon. Jno. M. Phelps.
Secy of State.
Charleston West Va.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
One Code of West Virginia 1868.

I remain, Sir
Very Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Aug 26. 71

Hon Jas. P. Newcomb
Secretary of State
Austin Texas
Sir

I herewith acknowledge the receipt of one copy each
Senate and House Journals
The General & Special laws of the
12th Legislature of your State for the use of the Territory of Colorado

I have the honor
to be Sir
Your Obt. Servt.
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Sept. 3. 1871.

W. C. Wynkoop Esq.
Boulder Col. Terry
My Dear Sir

Permit me to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by the invitation contained in your letter of the 31st ult. requesting me to address the Boulder County Teachers Institute during the session of the 27th inst.

The cause in which you are engaged is one which has always received my most earnest sympathy and cooperation, and since my return to this Territory as its Executive I have endeavored to impress upon the Legislature and the People the importance of a thoroughly organized system of public education. Recently I have been corresponding with Superintendents of Public Instruction and others interested in the cause of education in the East with the design of attempting to establish a thorough educational system in this Territory. Nothing can be more important to our future and nothing more attractive to the class of Emigrants we desire to see come with their families to our Territory.

I hope the Teachers you represent will give me the benefit of their experience and counsel and unite with me in perfecting some system that will give to the children of all rich and poor alike the benefit of a good common school education.

I know of no subject upon which I would rather deliver an address than that of Education. Consequently it is with great regret I am compelled to decline the invitation from Executive [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be absent from the Territory at the time you designate.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook

Sept. 7. 1871

Hon. S. G. Harbaugh.
State Librarian
Columbus Ohio
Sir

I herewith acknowledge receipt of

Ohio State reports Vol 19.
Laws of Ohio 1871.
Geological Report 1869.
R Roads & Telegraph report 1870 (2 copies)

Yours Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Sept 7. 71

Hon Hamilton Fish.
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to request that you will cause the enclosed papers in reference to the death of Otto von Haagen to be perfected by having attached thereto the requisite authentications from your office and that of the Secy of the German Legation and return the certificate to me at your earliest convenience

I have the honor to be,
very Respy
Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Sept. 7. 1871

To
His Excellency, U. S. Grant
President of the United States
Sir

Referring to a Circular letter of the Hon Secretary of State dated April 15th 1871 with enclosure of a copy of the Act of Congreſs approved March 3. 1871 Providing for the commemoration of the Centennial anniversary of the Independence of the United States I have the honor to nominate for appointment by your Excellency as a Commiſsioner to represent the Territory of Colorado in the International exhibition of arts and sciences to be held at Philadelphia Col. J. Marshall Paul of Fair Play, Park County Colorado and for Alternate as provided for in Sec. 4. of the Act referred to: Mr N. C. Meeker of Greeley Weld County Colorado.

I have the honor to be
Yours very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook

Sept. 7. 1871

Col. J. Marshall Paul.
Fair Play Col.
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day forwarded your name to the President of the United States as my nomination for Commiſsioner to represent the Territory of Colorado in the International exhibition of arts and sciences to be held in Philadelphia under the provisions of the act of Congreſs approved March 3. 1871 for the commemoration of the Centennial anniversary of the Independence of the United States

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook

Sept 7. 1871

N C Meeker
Greeley Colorado
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I this day forwarded your name to the President of the United States as my nomination for alternate Commissioner to represent the Territory of Colorado in the International Exhibition of arts and sciences to be held in Philadelphia under the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1871 for the commemoration of the Centennial anniversary of the Independence of the United States.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook

Aug 5 1871

Hon W H Lessig
Surveyor Genl Colorado
My Dear Sir -

I have the honor to request that you will supply me with any information in your possession relating to the different Spanish or Mexican Land Grants within the limits of this Territory

The Secy of the Interior thro the Comr of the Genl Land Office has directed me to make a report in relation to these Grants and I will feel under many obligations should you furnish me all the information at your command

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Sept. 7. 1871

Hon. Willis Drummond
Comr. Genl Land Office
Washington D.C.

Sir

In compliance with instructions contained in your letter of March 28th 1871 I have the honor to report

That as nearly as can be ascertained the following Mexican or Spanish Land Grant Claims are located wholly or in part in the Territory of Colorado

Vigil & St. Vrain	area Claimed	4096.345 acres
" "	" Confirmed	97.651 "
Nolan	" "	48.825½ "
Maria Baca	" Claimed	100.000 "
Sangre de Christo	" "	1200.000 "
Antonio (not confirmed)		2.500.000 "
Beaubien & Miranda (about)		300.000 "

making in all 8.245.170½ acres to which add the Ute Indian Reservation 19.077.120 acres and the total comprises much more than one third of the whole area of the Territory of Colorado all of which is rendered unavailable at present both to Government and people for purposes of Sale and Settlement

In order to realize the magnitude of this unavailable land I call your attention to the fact that it comprises more acres than the whole State of Ohio or than Massachusetts New Hampshire Rhode Island Vermont Connecticut & Maryland combined

Knowing you seek a remedy for the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs I would respectfully recommend that the Secretary of the Interior or Congress compel the Grantees of all these tracts or their representatives to definitely locate the area awarded them by the Commissioner of the Genl Land Office within some limited time.

As soon as this is done all this land will be open to preemption and entry and both the Government and the Settlers will be largely benefitted thereby

Some of these grants are already inhabited by several thousand settlers or "Squatters" as they are called who cannot secure Government patents for their claims and who fear to make valuable improvements until these Mexican grantees locate the quantity of land awarded them by the Secretary of the Interior.

I sincerely believe that the interests of the Genl Government and of our people and the growth both of this Territory and New Mexico will be subserved by the adoption of some policy which will enable emigrants who desire in good faith to settle upon the public lands to know where they can make their selections without fear of future disturbance by adverse claimants. This whole matter is becoming so serious a draw back to the settlement of some portions of this Territory that I feel it incumbent upon me to call the attention of your Department to the subject.

It seems to me that if practicable the Ute Reservation should be reduced in quantity or at least the limits should be officially defined by a public and official survey marked by such monuments as will prevent future trespass upon the domain of the savages.

Altho I am satisfied that fraudulent pre-emptions have been carried on extensively and in some cases systematically - yet the difficulty and expense attendant upon securing evidence in every case would be so great that I do not feel justified in undertaking the task without additional instructions from your Department. I have not however in any degree changed the views expressed in my conversations with you in Washington

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M McCook

Sept 17 - 1871

Hon Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado Territory
Central City C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that having received leave of absence from the President of the United States, I will depart to-morrow morning to be absent from the Territory five or six weeks and I would respectfully suggest the propriety of your making the Capital your residence during my absence

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Oct 2 1871

Baron Otto von Haagen
Colorado City C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose certain certificates pertaining to the ~~death of~~ circumstances attending the death of Otto Christoph von Haagen

Very Respectfully
Jas B Thompson
Pr Secy

Oct. 3. 1871.

Hon. Eugene F. Weigel
Secretary of State
Jefferson Mo.
Sir

I herewith acknowledge receipt of One Copy Vol 47. Mo Reports

Very Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Oct. 3. 1871

Edward Fleischer Esq
Supt. Kansas City Industrial Exposition
Kansas City Mo
Sir

On behalf of Genl E. M. McCook to whom your kind invitation is extended I desire to return thanks and to express my regret that the Genls absence from the Continent precludes the possibility of his replying in person to your letter

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy

Dec. 20th 1871

Hon Chas D. Welch
Golden City
Col.

Sir
I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with a report of the condition of the property pertaining to the "School of Mines" as provided in Sec 3. of an Act of the 8th Legislative Assembly approved Feby 10. 1870 to be found on page 147. Laws of 1870.
Oblige me by giving this your immediate personal attention.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook

Jany 2. 1872

My Dear Judge
I have received your report to the Legislative Assembly in relation to defects in the Criminal Code and will send it to the Legislature as soon as they organize.

Yours truly
Edw. M. McCook

Hon. Moses Hallett
Pueblo
Col.

Jany 5. 1872

Hon. Amos T. Akerman
Attorney Genl United States
Washington DC

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the following papers in the matter of the Petition of Dorcas Maria Lavia

1. Memorial of Mrs Lavia to the Attorney General
2. Petitions of Citizens of Detroit
3. Letter of Hon B H Bristow acting Atty Genl referring papers to me for information and action
4. Letter of Dist Atty 3rd Judicial of Colorado
5. " " " " 1st " " "

With endorsements of Judge Belford and myself thereon.

I hope that the above papers may furnish you with all the information you require and that it may prove entirely satisfactory

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Jany 10. 1872.

Hon [illegible] Marsh
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to transmit to the Legislative Assembly of Colorado the report of Chief Justice Hallett to your Honorable Body made in compliance with the provisions of Section 180. of the Criminal Code

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook

Jan. 16. 1872

Hon Geo M Chilcott
President of the Council
Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed Council Joint Resolution Number One. certified to have originated in the Council of Colorado Territory

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jany 16. '72

Hon. Alvin Marsh,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Colorado Terry.
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Joint Memorial and Bill certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

House Joint Memorial Number One asking admission into the Union as a State

An Act to legalize and make valid the Special Election held in the town of Boulder and to authorize the President of the Board of Trustees to issue certain bonds therein.

I have the honor &c.
Your very obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook,
Governor

Jany 19. '72.

Hon. Geo. M. Chilcott
President of the Council Colorado Terry
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that on the 16th day of Jany I approved and signed Council Joint Resolution No. Two. Also that I have this day approved and signed C. B. No. Seventeen "An Act to amend Chapter twenty eight (28) of the Revised Statutes of Col." C. B. No. Nineteen "An Act to change the name of Denver Horse Railroad Company" which were certified to have originated in the Legislative Council.

I have the honor &c.
Your very obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jany 17 [illegible]

Hon. [illegible] Secretary
[illegible] Council
Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith the joint resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of Colorado in the matter of the reception of His Highness the Grand Duke Alexis.

I have the honor to be
Very Resp. Yr. Obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jany 22 [illegible]

Hon George M. Chilcott
President of the Council Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills which have originated in the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory

C.B. No 2 An Act concerning Finances and [illegible]
C.B. No 1 An Act concerning Jurisdiction of Justices and Probate Courts
C.B. No 12 An Act to make Section 1 of Chapter [illegible] Revised Statutes of Colorado applicable to certain Corporations or bodies politic.
C.B. No 15 An Act to amend Chapter [illegible] of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory entitled Practice
C.B. No 16 An Act regulating [illegible] in the County of Huerfano.
C.B. No 21 An Act concerning Golden City and to change the name thereof to Golden.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook,
Governor

Jany 20th. 1872

Hon George H Williams
Atty Genl United States
Washington DC.

Sir

I would most earnestly recommend the reappointment of M A Shaffenburg as United States Marshal for this Territory

Mr Shaffenburg has been a thoroughly efficient and honest officer and the whole Republican party of the Territory will feel gratified should he be continued in his office

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Jany 22. 1872

Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives
of Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives:

H.B. No 20. An Act legalizing a certain act of N H Gage a Justice of the Peace

H.B. No 21 an act to legalize the appointment of David Parlin as Probate Judge of Boulder County by the County Commissioners of said County

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Jany 23. 1872.

Hon Geo M. Chilcott
President Legislative Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in the Legislative Council of Colorado Territory

C.B. no 44. An act concerning costs in criminal examinations before Justices of the Peace

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jany 25. 1872

Hon Frank Hall
Secretary of the Territory
Sir

Please inform me at your earliest convenience whether there is any evidence upon the executive records or other records of your office showing that Mr D J Martin has at any time held an office by appointment or otherwise under the Territorial Government of Colorado

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jany 26th 72

Hon Geo M Chilcott
President of the Legislative Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I hereby nominate James B. Thompson to the office of Territorial Auditor and George T. Clarke to the office of Territorial Treasurer of the Territory of Colorado and would request their confirmation by the Legislative Council.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jany 26. 1872

Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

H.B. No 19. An Act supplemental to an act entitled An act to incorporate the Holliday Overland mail and Express company approved Feby 5. 1866.

H.B. No 28. An act to authorize the Dist Court to allow fees to counsel assigned to Prisoners in certain Cases

H.B. No 37. An act to authorize the County Commissioners of El Paso County to levy a special tax of two (2) mills on the Dollar for the purpose of building a Jail in said County

H.B. No 42. An act regulating the sale of poisons

House Joint Memorial No 2 To the Congress of the United States in relation to the Penitentiary at Canon City

House Joint memorial No 3. to the President of the United States in relation to the removal of Utes Indians

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Jany 26. 1872

Hon Geo M Chilcott
President Legislative Council,
Colorado Territory

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that
✓ I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council viz -

C B No 13. An Act to amend Chapter Twenty eight of the Revised Statutes entitled "Elections"

C.B. No 38. An Act to amend Sec 1. of Art. 2. Chap 18. Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory

Substitute for C.B. No 7. An act providing for the publication of the Laws of Colorado in the Spanish Language

Substitute for C B No 41. An act to enable the Commissioners of the Counties of Gilpin & Clear Creek to levy a Special tax

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Jany 29. 1872.

Hon Geo M. Chilcott
President of the Legislative Council
Sir

I have the honor to
✓ inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council of Colorado Territory

C.B. No 15. An act for the payment of D J Martin former acting Territorial Treasurer for services as ex officio Librarian of Colorado Territory

C.B. No 35. (2) An act to prevent Prize fights.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M McCook
Governor

Jan 29. 1872.

Hon. Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives of the 9th Legislative Assembly

H.B. No 17. An Act Concerning the prosecution of crimes and misdemeanors not capital nor infamous
H.B. No 28. An Act concerning School Bonds

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 21. 1872.

Hon Geo M Chilcott
President Legislative Council
of Colorado Territory

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council of Colorado Territory.

C.B. No 8. An Act Concerning [illegible] [illegible]
C.B. " 38. An Act to amend Chapter [illegible] of Revised Statutes of Colorado
C.B. No 22. An Act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Georgetown
C.B. No 39. An Act Concerning actions on bonds bills notes and other instruments of writing
C.B. No 36. An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County to loan money to build a County Jail
C.B. No 66. (Substitute) An Act to provide for the drainage of mines

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feb 2. 1872.

Hon. [illegible]
President of the Council
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that
✓ on the 31st day of January 1872 I approved and signed
the following bills certified to have originated in the
Legislative Council of Colorado Territory

C. B. No. 43. An Act [illegible]
to incorporate the City of Central.

C. B. No. 30. An Act concerning the Probate Court
of Jefferson County

I have the honor to be
your very obt servt
Edward M. McCook,
Governor

Feby 2. 1872

Hon. [illegible]
President of the Council
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you
✓ that I have this day approved and signed the following
bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council
[illegible]

C. B. No. 33. An Act [illegible] justices and constables
[illegible] of justices
in the County of Arapahoe.

C. B. No. 32. An Act concerning married women

C. B. No. 7. An Act to change the name of
[illegible]

I have the honor to be
your very obt servt
Edward M. McCook

Denver C.T. Feby 3. 1872

Received of Governor E. M. McCook the following approved acts of the 9th Legislative Assembly viz

Council Bill No One (1)
Council Joint Resolutions No One (1)
" " " No Two (2)
Council Bill No Two (2)
Substitute for Council Bill No Seven (7)
Council Bill No Eight (8)
" " No Ten (10)
" " No Thirteen (13)
" " No Fourteen (14)
" " No Fifteen (15)
" " No Sixteen (16)
" " No Seventeen (17)
" " No Eighteen (18)
" " No Twenty One (21)
Substitute for Council Bill No Twenty five (25)
Council Bill No Thirty (30
" " No Thirty three (33)
" " No Thirty four (34)
" " No Thirty five (35)
" " No Thirty eight (38)
Substitute for Council Bill No Forty One (41)
Council Bill No Forty three (43)
" " No Forty four (44)
" " No Fifty Six (56)
" " No Seventy five (75)
House Joint Memorial No Two (2)
" " " No Three (3)
House Bill No Seventeen (17)
" " No Twenty (20)
" " No Twenty one (21)
" " No Twenty five (25)
" " No Twenty eight (28)
" " No Thirty seven (37)
" " No Forty two (42)

An act to legalize and make valid the Special election held in the town of Boulder and to authorize the President of the Board of Trustees to issue certain Bonds thereunder.

Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado.

Feb. 3. 1872.

Hon. Wm Broadhead
2nd Comptroller Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir:

My accounts as late Ex officio Supt. of Indian Affairs have as I am informed been adjusted at the Interior Dept. and I presume by this time are in your hands. You will confer a great favor by expediting the payment of the balance due me as the money was advanced from my private funds and I have already waited so long for the settlement of my accounts that it is causing me serious embarrassment.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Febr. 5th. 72.

Hon George M. Chilcott
President of the Council

Sir

I have the honor to inform you
✓ that on the dates mentioned below I approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council:

Feby 3rd Council Bill No 19. An act to amend chapter Twenty seven of the Revised Statutes entitled "Judgments"

Feby 3rd Council Bill No 9. An act to amend chapter Eighty eight of the Revised Statutes entitled "Revenue"

Feby 3rd Council Bill No 37. An act relating to costs in Criminal cases.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 3rd 1872

Hon. Alvin Marsh
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that on Feby 3rd I approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

H.B. No 45 An act in relation to an adopted child of Allen McName

H.B. No 47 An act to prevent frauds in the letting of Public contracts

H.B. No 52 An act concerning the floating of timber on streams of this Territory

H.B. No 53 An act in relation to the adopted child of Isador H Kastor and Zella Kastor

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 6. 72

Hon W. D. Leggett
Comr Patents Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Jany 30th in relation to the custody of drawings and specifications proposed to be distributed by your office &c.

There will be ample room in the Territorial Library for the safe keeping of such documents as you may forward and you will be [illegible] [illegible] of their arrival at [illegible]

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feb 5. 72

Hon. Geo. M. [illegible]
President of the Council
Sir
I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bill certified to have originated in the Legislative Council viz

C.B. No. 49. An act relating to the competency of the accused as a witness in Criminal Courts.

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 5. 72

Hon. [illegible] Marsh
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Sir
I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

H.B. No. 7. An act [illegible] for the recording of [illegible] Patents

H.B. No. 3. An act to provide the [illegible] of [illegible] to purchase a certain amount of [illegible] plats of [illegible].

H.B. No. 26. An act concerning irrigation in El Paso County.

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 6. 1872

Received of Governor E. M. McCook
the following approved Bills of the 9th
Legislative Assembly

Council Bill number nine (9)
" " " nineteen (19)
" " " thirty seven (37)
" " " forty nine (49)
House Bill number seven (7)
" " " thirteen (13)
" " " forty two (42)
" " " forty seven (47)
" " " fifty two (52)
" " " fifty three (53)
" " " sixty six (66)

Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado
Feby 6. 72

Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

H B No 3. An act to provide for the appointment of County attorneys
H B No 35 An act to amend section 28 of Chapter 18 Revised Statutes of Colorado
H B No 43. An act entitled an act to locate the County seat of Huerfano County
H B No 64. An act in relation to the publishing of detailed statements of County commissioners substitute for House Bill No 36.
House Joint memorial No 4 To the Congress of the United States in relation to patents for mineral lands

I have the honor to be
Your very obt servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 8. 1872

Hon George M Chilcott
President of the Council
Sir:

I make the following nominations to fill the several Territorial offices designated and have the honor to request their confirmation by the Council:

For Territorial Assayer A. Von Shultz of Gilpin Co.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction
W. C. Lothrop
For Adjutant General W. R. Thomas

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 8. 72

Recd of Govr E M McCook the following approved acts of the 9th Legislative Assembly viz:
House Bill No Three (3)
" " No Thirty five (35)
" " No Forty Three (43)
" " No Sixty four (64)
Substitute for House Bill No Thirty Six (36)
House Joint Memorial No Four (4)
Frank Hall
Secy Colorado

Feby 8. 72.

Hon. Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

H.B. No 38. An Act to exempt irrigating Ditches from taxation

H.B. No 49. An Act to authorize an examination of the Books and accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer

H.B. No 55. An Act concerning Damages

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby [illegible] 72.

Hon George M. Chilcott
President of Legislative Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed on the dates mentioned below the following Bills certified to have originated in Legislative Council of Colorado Territory viz

Feby 8. Substitute for C.B. No 12. An Act defining further causes for attachment

Feby 8. C.B. No 28. An Act to contribute ~~for~~ the support of a School Journal for Colorado Territory

Feby 8. C.B. No 39 A Bill for an Act to prevent [illegible]

Feby 7. C.B. No 52. An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to reduce the laws incorporating the City of Denver and the several Acts amendatory thereto into one Act

and to amend the same approved [illegible]
Feby 8. C. B. No 58. An act to amend [illegible]
Revised Statutes of Colorado.
Feby 8. C.B. No 59. An act to create [illegible]
of Bent county.
Feby 8. C.B. No 60. A Bill for an act [illegible]
concerning judgements and [illegible]
Feby 8. C.B. No 64. An act to provide [illegible]
operation of the [illegible]
of Denver and to regulate [illegible]
Feby 8. C.B. No 67. A Bill for an act [illegible]
cities of Black Hawk and [illegible]
a supply of water for fire [illegible]
Feby 8. C.B. No 31. For an act entitled [illegible]
amend an act for the pro[illegible]
crops approved Feby [illegible]
Feby 8. C.B. No 84. An act amend[illegible]
Feby 8. C.B. No 89. An act to [illegible]
Commissioners of Pueblo County
tax for the purpose of [illegible]
the Arkansas River
Feby 8. C.B. No 90. An act to [illegible]
of stacked Hay to fence [illegible]
Feby 8. C.J.M. No 2. To the [illegible]
Treasury in regard to [illegible]
at Denver
Feby 8. C.B. No 62. A Bill for an act [illegible]
Gilpin county to provide water for [illegible]
mining fire domestic and [illegible]
purposes

I have the honor [illegible]
Your [illegible]
Edward [illegible]
[illegible]

Feby 8. 1872

Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to return herewith without my approval: House Bill No 58. A Bill for an act supplemental to an act to reduce the law incorporating the City of Denver and the several acts amendatory thereof into one act and to amend the same. Approved Feby 10. 1865.

A City Corporation is created with power to make such police and other regulations as may be necessary to protect the lives property and health of its citizens within its own corporate limits and I seriously doubt whether the Legislature possesses the power to authorize a city to go miles beyond these limits for such a purpose as this bill contemplates.

2nd. If these lands in the bed of Cherry Creek were not occupied or improved at the date of the entry of the town site of Denver and could not be conveyed by the Probate Judge, then under the act of Congress they belong to the school fund and can not be alienated by any legislative act transferring them to the City Council

3rd. If these lands and lots are the property of private parties then in my opinion the Legislature cannot confer upon any person or corporation the power to "condemn and appropriate in fee" the property of one citizen for the purpose of selling it to some other citizen

4th There is no provision made for compensating owners of real Estate who may be injuriously affected by stopping the flow of water in Cherry Creek below the contemplated dam

5th. While power is given the City Council to make expenditures and create indebtedness to an unlimited amount for the purposes of the act no safeguards whatever are thrown around the disposition of the property acquired

The Council is clothed with absolute power to sell on any terms or at any time they may see fit without any public notice of sale, or without ~~any public~~ requiring any security for the payment of the purchase money; and altho this power might never be abused yet I think the interests of the people of the city demand that they should have some security for the proper execution of so important a public trust.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servant
Edward M. McCook
Governor
Feby 8th. 1872.

Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bill certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

H.B. No 75. An Act to establish Assay offices in Colorado Territory

I have the honor to be Your
Very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 8. 1872

Hon. George M. Chilcott
President of Legislative Council
Sir

Under the authority conferred by an Act to establish Assay offices in Colorado Territory Approved Feby 8. 1872 I nominate

A. von Schulz of Gilpin County Territorial Assayer
at Central City Colorado
H. Stelling of Clear Creek County Territorial Assayer
at Georgetown Colorado
Edward A Peters of Park County Territorial Assayer
at Fair Play Colorado
Lawrence Thompson of Boulder County Territorial Assayer
at Boulder Colorado

and have the honor to request that the Legislative Council confirm said nominations

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 9th 1872.

Received of Governor Edw McCook the following approved acts of the 9th Legislative Assembly viz

House Bill no. Thirty Eight (38)
do do No Forty nine (49)
do do No Fifty five (55)
Substitute for Council Bill no Twelve (12)
Council Bill no Twenty Eight (28)
do do No Thirty nine (39)
do do No Fifty two (52)
do do No Sixty (60)
do do No Sixty two (62)
do do No Sixty four (64)
do do No Sixty seven (67)
do do No Eighty one (81)
do do No Eighty four (84)
do do No Eighty nine (89)
do do No Ninety (90)
C. J. M. No Two (2)
Council Bill No Fifty Eight (58)
do do No Fifty nine (59)

Frank Hall
Secy Col. Terry

Feby 9. 1872.

Hon Geo M Chilcott
Prest of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council

C.B. No 42. An Act regulating the Herding & Branding and care of Stock

C.B. No 68. An Act for the payment of rent of the Supreme Courts Clerks office

Substitute for C. B. No 70 An act to provide for certain terms of court in the Third Judicial District and to attach the County of Saguache to the same

C.B. No. [illegible] An Act [illegible] [illegible]

C.B. No. 94. An Act to amend chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes entitled Estrays any Stranger

C.B. No. 98. An Act for the relief of Gilpin County

C.B. No. 102. An Act to amend chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes of Colorado.

C.B. No. 105. An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Las Animas County to levy a Special Tax

C.B. No. 112. An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act for the assessment and collection of Revenue

C.B. No. 118. An Act to employ the labor of Convicts in the Penitentiary

C.B. No. 120. An Act to create and establish the office of Territorial Geologist

C.J.M. No. 4. To the Congress of the Congress of the United States

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

[illegible] 7. 1872

Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives:
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

Substitute for H.B. No 29. An Act to create and provide for a Board of Immigration for Colorado Territory

H.B. No 56. An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the protection of fish in Colorado Territory approved Feby 11. 1870

H.B. No 70. An Act to extend and make applicable to County of Las Animas an Act entitled an Act to regulate Ditches used for farming purposes in the counties of Costilla and Conejos found on pages 365 and 366, of the Revised Statutes of Colorado.

H.B. No 93. An act for the relief of Jotham A Draper
H.B. No 101. An act to establish the County of Platte
H.B. No 111. An act entitled Fences and Inclosures in Gilpin County
H.B. No 121. An act to authorize the Governor of Colorado Territory to commute punishment for offences against the Laws of the Territory
House Joint Memorial No 5. In relation to the establishment of a military Post at Apishapa Las Animas County Colorado Territory

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor
Feby 9. 1872

Hon Geo M Chilcott
President. Legislative Council Colorado Terry

Sir

I nominate J Alden Smith of Gilpin County as Territorial Geologist an office created by "An act to create and establish a Territorial Geologist" Approved Feby 9, 1872. And have the honor to request his confirmation by the Legislative Council

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor.

Feby. 9. 72

Hon Geo. M. Chilcott
Prest. Legislative Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved the following bills certified to have originated in your body

C.B. No 97. An Act amendatory of an Act to Incorporate the Colorado Territorial Agricultural Society

C.B. No 106. An Act to establish a Territorial Road in Las Animas County

Also C. J. M. No 5. M. relative to Capitol Building

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 72

Hon Geo. M. Chilcott
President of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council

C.B. No 29. An Act to amend chapters Six and Forty Eight of the Revised Statutes of Colorado.

Substitute for C.B. No 69. A Bill for an Act to provide for the holding of Courts within the First Judicial District of Colorado Territory

C.B. No 87. An Act to provide for the erection of Capitol Buildings

C.B. No 99. An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act (an omnibus):

C. J. M. No 3. For the construction of a Wagon Road to White River Indian Agency in Colorado Territory

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 72.

✓ Hon. Geo. M. Chilcott
Prest. of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council viz

C.B. No 93. An Act to amend Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes and for other purposes

C.B. No 92. An Act to secure liens to mechanics and others and to repeal all other acts in relation thereto

C.B. No 117. An Act to compensate Byers and Daily for work done for the Territory

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 72

✓ Hon. Geo. M. Chilcott
Prest. of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council viz

C.B. No 11. An Act concerning the Taxing of Shares in Shareholders in Banking Corporations

C.B. No 72. An Act for the relief of Thomas J. Lobras

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook,
Governor

Feby 9th 72

✓ Hon Geo M Chilcott
Prest of the Council
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Legislative Council viz

C.B. No 80. An Act to legalize certain acts of the County Commissioners of Larimer County
C.B. No 91. An Act concerning Criminal proceedings
C.B. No 107 An Act to establish a Territorial Road in Huerfano County
C.B. No 116. An Act to amend Section 2 of An Act entitled an act for the establishment and location of an Agricultural College

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 8. 1872

✓ Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker House Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives. viz.

House Bill No 90. An Act for the relief of Marmaduke Green District Attorney for the Third Judicial District of Colorado Territory...
House Amendment. Resolution No 6..

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 1872

✓ Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed
H B No 97 An Act to authorize County Courts to require new bonds from Sheriffs

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 1872.

Hon Alvin Marsh.
✓ Speaker House Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives viz

House Bill No 83. An Act for the Relief of Capt D H Nichols

H B No 72. An Act to authorize the City of Denver to create a Public debt not exceeding $300,000 provided the same is ratified by a two thirds vote of the people for the purpose of supplying the city with water for fire and other purposes and for the erection of Public Buildings

H B No 100. An Act to enable the Union Colony of Colorado to enclose its lands.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M McCook
Governor.

Feby 9th 72

Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker of the House

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

H.B. No 1. An Act to provide for the appointment of Sheep Inspectors. (The first section of this act conflicts with the first section of Amendment to organic act, but I do not deem it expedient to state my objections inasmuch as I approved the object of the Bill)

H.B. No 57. An act for the protection of wild game in the Territory of Colorado

H.B. No 61. An act prescribing the time of holding the District Court in the 2nd Judicial Dist

Substitute for House Bill No 62. An act providing for the payment of Stock killed by Railways or Railway Companies.

H.B. No 74. An act regulating the salaries of the Territorial Officers and to provide for a Private Secretary for the Governor of the Territory and the contingent expenses of the Governor of [illegible]

H B No 18. An act to amend sections 14 and 35 of Chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes of Colorado.

H.B. No 114. An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Douglas County to levy a special tax for certain purposes.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 1872

Hon Alvin Marsh
Speaker House of Representatives
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

H.B. No 112 An Act to provide for the General expenses of the Territory for the Years 1872 & 1873 I would inform you that I have no further communication to make to your body

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 9. 72

Hon Geo M Chilcott
President of the Legislative Council
of Colorado Territory
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have no further communication to make to your body.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 12. 72.

Received of Gov. Edw. McCook the following approved Acts of the 9th Legislative Assembly viz

Subs for H.B.	No Twenty nine	(29)
H.B.	No one	(1)
H.B.	No Fifty one	(51)
H.B.	No Fifty six	(56)
H.B.	No Fifty seven	(57)
H.B.	No Sixty one	(61)
Subs for H.B.	No Sixty two	(62)
H.B.	No Seventy	(70)
H.B.	No Seventy two	(72)
H.B.	No Seventy four	(74)
H.B.	No Seventy five	(75)
H.B.	No Seventy eight	(78)
H.B.	No Eighty three	(83)
H.B.	No Ninety	(90)
H.B.	No Ninety three	(93)
H.B.	No Ninety eight	(98)
H.B.	No One Hundred	(100)
H.B.	No One Hundred & One	(101)
H.B.	No One Hundred & Eleven	(111)
H.B.	No One Hundred & Sixteen	(116)
H.B.	No One Hundred & Twenty one	(121)
House Conc Res.	No Six	(6)
House Joint Mem	No five	(5)
C.B.	No Twenty nine	(29)
C.B.	No Forty two	(42)
C.B.	No Sixty eight	(68)
Subs for C.B.	No Sixty nine	(69)
Subs for C.B.	No Seventy	(70)
C.B.	No Seventy two	(72)
C.B.	No Eighty	(80)
C.B.	No Eighty two	(82)
C.B.	No Eighty seven	(87)
C.B.	No Ninety one	(91)
C.B.	No Ninety two	(92)
C.B.	No Ninety three	(93)
C.B.	No Ninety four	(94)
C.B.	No Ninety seven	(97)

Council Bill	No. Ninety eight	(98)
C.B.	No Ninety nine	(99)
C.B.	No One Hundred & two	(102)
C.B.	No One Hundred five	(105)
C.B.	No One Hundred Six	(106)
C.B.	No One Hundred & Seven	(107)
C.B.	No One Hundred & Twelve	(112)
C.B.	No One Hundred Sixteen	(116)
C.B.	No One Hundred Seventeen	(117)
C.B.	No One Hundred & Eighteen	(118)
C.B.	No One Hundred & Twenty	(120)
Council J. M.	No Three	(3)
Council J. M.	No Four	(4)
Council J. M.	No Five	(5)

Frank Hall
Secy of Colorado

Feby 12. 1872.

Recd of Gov E. M. McCook the following Approved acts of the 9th Legislative Assembly viz
House Bill No One Hundred and Twelve (112)
To provide for the General expenses of the Territory for the Years 1872 and 1873

Frank Hall
Secy of Colorado Territory

Board of Immigration

✓ J. T. L. Schirmer	Arapahoe
E. P. Hollister	Arapahoe
D. C. Collins	Gilpin
Hon Jesse M. Sherwood	Larimer
" A. W. Archibald	Las Animas.

Feby 13. 72

Joseph C. Poakes
Denver C.T.
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Inspector General of Colorado Militia was confirmed by the Legislative (Assembly) Council (2) Feby 9th 1872.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13 1872

W. R. Thomas Esq.
Denver C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Adjutant General of Colorado Territory was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 8th 1872.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13. 1872.

H.B. Bearce
Denver C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Major General of Militia for the First District of Colorado Territory was confirmed Feby 9th 1872

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13. 1872.

M H Fitch Esq.
Pueblo C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Major General of Militia for the Second District of Colorado Territory was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 9. 1872

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13. 1872

W. A. Arnold
Central City C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Brigadier General of Colorado Militia was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 9th 1872

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13. 1872

✓ Charles Adams
Monument C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Brigadier General of the Colorado Militia was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 9. 1872

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13. 1872

✓ J Victor Garcia
Conejos C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Brigadier General of the Colorado Militia was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 9. 1872

Have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13. 1872

✓ W C Lothrop Esq
Denver C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for Colorado Territory was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 8. 1872. When notified of the execution and approval of your bond your commission will issue.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 13. 1872.

George T. Clarke
Denver C.T.

Sir

Have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Territorial Treasurer was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 2nd 1872. When notified of the execution and approval of your bond your commission will issue.

Have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby. 14. 1872

Aron Schultz
Central City C.T.

Sir

Have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Territorial Assayer at Central City was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 8. 1872 upon being notified of the execution and approval of your bond your commission will issue.

Have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby. 14 72

Edward A Peters
Fair Play C.T.

Sir

Have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Territorial Assayer at Fair Play was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 8th 1872. upon being notified of the execution and approval of your bond your commission will issue.

Have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 14. 1872

Lawrence Thompson
Boulder C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Territorial Assayer at Boulder was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 8. 1872. Upon being notified of the execution and approval of your bond, your commission will issue.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook.
Governor

Feby 14 - 72

H Oelting
Georgetown C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Territorial Assayer at Georgetown was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 8th 1872 upon being notified of the execution and approval of your bond your commission will issue.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby. 14. 1872.

J. F. L. Schirmer
Denver C. T.

Sir

Have the honor to inform you that you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Immigration for Colorado Territory under the provisions of an Act of the Legislative Assembly approved Feby 9. 1872 upon being notified that you have filed your bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars your commission will issue

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 14. 1872

Hon A. W. Archibald
Trinidad C. T.

Sir

Have the honor to inform you that you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Immigration for Colorado Territory under the provisions of an Act of the Legislative Assembly approved Feby 9. 1872. upon being notified that you have filed your bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars your commission will issue

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 14, 1872

√ E. P. Hollister
Denver C. T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Immigration for Colorado Territory under the provisions of an act of the Legislative Assembly approved Feby 9, 1872. upon being notified that you have filed your bond for the sum of one Thousand Dollars your commission will issue.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 14, 1872

√ Hon J. M. Sherwood
Laporte C. T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Immigration of Colorado Territory under the provisions of an act of the Legislative Assembly approved Feby 9, 1872 upon being notified that you have filed your bond in the sum of one Thousand Dollars your commission will issue

I have the honor to be
Very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 14. 1872

D. C. Collier
Central City C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that you are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Im- ✓ migration for Colorado Territory under the provisions of an Act of the Legislative Assembly approved Feby. 9. 1872. upon being notified that you have filed your bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars your commission will issue.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 15. 1872

✓ J. Alden Smith
Central City C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your nomination for the office of Territorial Geologist for Colorado Territory was confirmed by the Legislative Council Feby 9. 1872.

Your commission will be forwarded in a few days.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 15th 1872

Mr Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Terry
Sir

Please make out Commissions for my Signature for the following officers

George T. Clarke Territorial Treasurer
James B. Thompson Territorial Auditor
W C. Lothrop Supt. Public Instruction —
W R. Thomas Adjt. General
A Von Schultz Territorial Assayer Gilpin Co
J H Stoelting do Georgetown
Lawrence Thompson do Boulder.
Edward A Peters do Fair Play
J. S. Schirmer & E P Hollister of Arapahoe
Jesse M Sherwood of Larimer
D C Collier of Gilpin
W A Archibald of Las Animas
members of the Board of Immigration
J Alden Smith Territorial Geologist
H.B. Bearce of Arapahoe Maj Genl Militia
M H Fitch of Pueblo Maj Genl Militia
J Victor Garcia of Conejos Brigr Genl do
Chas Adams of El Paso do do do
W A Arnold of Gilpin do do do
Joseph E Bates of Arapahoe Inspector Genl

I have the honor to be
your very Obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 16. 1872.

W. A. Arnold
Central City C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as Brigadier General of Colorado Militia. Be kind enough to notify me of its reception and acceptance

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook Governor

Feby 16 1872

M. H. Fitch.
Pueblo C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as Major General of Colorado Militia. Be kind enough to notify me of its reception and acceptance

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 16. 72

Horatio B. Bearce
Denver C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as Major General of Colorado Militia Be kind enough to notify me of its reception and acceptance

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 16. '72.

W. R. Thomas
Denver C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your Commission as Adjutant General of Colorado Territory. Be kind enough to notify me of its receipt and acceptance.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 16. '72

Joseph E. Bates
Denver C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your Commission as Inspector General of Colorado Militia. Be kind enough to notify me of its receipt and acceptance.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 16. '72

Charles Adams
Monument C.T.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your Commission as Brigadier General of Colorado Militia. Be kind enough to notify me of its receipt and acceptance.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 16. 1872.

Genl. J. Victor Garcia
Conejos Col. Ter.
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith your commission as Brigadier General of the Colorado Militia. No official act of mine since becoming Governor of Colorado affords me more sincere pleasure than asking your acceptance of this commission.

Please notify me of its acceptance.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy. Yr. Obt. Servant
Edward M. McCook
Governor.

Feby 16. 1872.

A. Pearson Longbottom Esq
3. Pall Mall. E.C.
London England
Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith your commission as Agent for the Territory of Colorado and a printed slip containing the law under which the appointment is made.

There is no salary attached to the position and the office was created especially at my request in order to benefit the different interests of Colorado.

I have the honor to be
Your Very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor.

Feby 15th 1872.

His Excellency U. S. Grant.
President of the United States
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Ninth Legislative Aſsembly of Colorado has just adjourned. During the Session they adopted the following Joint Memorials addreſsed to the President and Congreſs of the United States

Joint Memorial asking admiſsion into the Union

Joint Memorial to the President of the United States concerning the reduction of the Ute Indian Reservation

Joint Memorial to the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the Denver Mint

Joint Memorial asking the establishment of Mail routes in Southern Colorado

Joint Memorial in relation to establishing a military Post in Southern Colorado

Joint Memorial asking appropriations for Territorial Capitol buildings

Joint Memorial asking that a road may be constructed to the White River Indian Agency

The following Acts of a general and public nature were paſsed

An Act authorizing married women to transfer their own property without the signature of the husband

To prevent fraud in the letting of public contracts

To provide for recording Government Patents

Taxing shares in banking and other corporations

Authorizing persons to testify in their own behalf in Criminal cases

I forward this statement that you may know what has been the tenor of our general legislation and also what relief and aſsistance we desire thro the action of the President and Congreſs

Your attention is also called to the fact that when you appointed me Governor of this Territory it was largely in debt without money in the treasury without credit and overburdened with taxes now the Territory is entirely free from debt, there is enough money in the treasury to meet all current expense for the coming year - and no taxes whatever levied for the year 1872 I believe no other body polit in the continent can say that they are entirely free from taxation. And I congratulate myself that these marked financial changes have taken place during my administration and after the legislative power of the Territory had passed from Democratic into Republican hands

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

✓ Feby 17th 1872

Hon. H. B. Bearce
Prest. Colorado Agricultural Society
Denver Colorado

Sir

In answer to the verbal notice given me by yourself and creditors I have the honor to say that after a carefull examination of the "Bill for the relief of the Colorado Agricultural Society" I have concluded that I am only authorized to act under the provisions of the Act passed by the recent session of the Legislature when the money secured by the trust deed executed by the Agricultural Society becomes due and the property therein described has been offered for sale and then it is optional with me to pay the same at that time or to redeem the property after it has been sold.

The Legislature evidently contemplated that the offer of sale and the sale itself should be made strictly in accordance with law and no resolution of the Board of said Agricultural Society that the property be sold fulfills the objects or meets with the requirements of the law. It occurs to me that no judicial action could be had calculated to test the power of the Legislature to enact such a law until these conditions shall have been complied with and it further occurs to me that if I should direct the auditor to draw his warrant and he should refuse to obey my demand that the question could only receive a judicial adjudication upon my filing before a Court of competent jurisdiction a petition for a writ of mandamus against the auditor to compel him to draw said warrant or to show cause why the same should not be done.

To determine

the power of the Legislature in the premises I am willing when these conditions arise to file such a petition against the Auditor should he refuse to obey my order for the warrant in question

The costs of any litigation which may arise should be paid by those who claim to be the beneficiaries under this law

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 14 1872

Hon J W Bowen

My Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your recommendation for the appointment of D H Nichols Esq of Boulder County as one of the Board of Immigration. Since my conversation with you the pressure has become so great for the appointment of some person residing in the Central Mining District that I have deemed it best to name a member of the Board from Gilpin County who I trust will be acceptable to the whole mining country

I regret exceedingly that circumstances should prevent me from appointing a gentleman of such acknowledged ability and fitness as Mr Nichols.

Yrs very truly
Edward M McCook

Feby 18th 1872.

Hon. Frank Hall
Secy of Colorado
Sir

I have the honor to request that you forward without delay to the Hon. J. B. Chaffee our delegate in Congress certified copies of the following acts of the 9th Legislative Assembly viz

Joint Memorial asking admn for us into the Union.

Joint Memorial concerning the reduction of the Ute Indian Reservation

Joint Memorial in relation to the Denver Mint

Joint Memorial asking establishment of mail routes in Soⁿ Colorado

Joint Memorial in relation to establishing military post in Soⁿ Colorado

Joint Memorial asking appropriation for Capitol Buildings

Joint Memorial asking that a road be constructed to the White River Indian Agency

I have the honor to be
Yr very Obt. Servt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Febry 18. 1872

✓ Hon J B Chaffee M C
Washington DC
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day requested the Secretary to forward to you without delay certified copies of the following Joint Memorials adopted by the 9th Legislative Assembly and addressed to the President and Congress of the United States viz

Joint Memorial asking admission into the Union
Joint: Memorial to the President of the United States concerning the reduction of the Ute Indian Reservation
Joint Memorial to the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the Denver Mint
Joint Memorial asking the establishment of mail routes in Southern Colorado
Joint Memorial in relation to establishing a military post in Southern Colorado
Joint Memorial asking appropriation for Territorial Capitol Buildings
Joint Memorial asking for construction of a Road to White River Indian Agency

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 18th 1872

José de la Luz Trafoya
Fort Garland
Colorado

Sir

I this evening received the letter signed by yourself Joaquin Young "Constable of Trinidad" and another and dated Fort Garland Feby 15th 1872 asking my assistance in bringing to justice the murderers of your father and others

I have written to the commanding officer at Fort Garland enclosing a copy of your letter and requesting him to co operate with the civil authorities in securing the arrest of these desperados

Permit me to assure you that I most sincerely sympathize with you in the great affliction you have suffered in the loss of your honored Father and should it become necessary in order to vindicate the laws and secure the apprehension of these parties from which you seem to fear still further violence I will come to Trinidad whenever notified that my presence is desired

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Feby 18. 72

Commanding Officer
Fort Garland C.T.:
Sir

I am in receipt of a letter from leading citizens of Trinidad informing me that the murderers of Sheriff Lafoya are at Red River N. M. that they have been joined by about forty desperate companions and defy the civil authorities. I would respectfully request that you investigate this matter if practicable and if necessary afford the officers of the law every assistance which may enable them to bring these criminals to justice.

I enclose a copy of a letter received from Mr. Lafoya and others in order that you may have such information in your possession as will enable you to investigate this matter and conclude whether it will be necessary to use the troops of the United States in enforcing the laws and protecting the citizens of your portion of the country

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Feby 19. 72

Genl Hal Sayr
Central City Col.
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have appt'd W R Thomas adjutant Genl of the Terry presuming from the fact that you made no application to be continued in the office that you no longer desired to retain your Commission.

You will be kind enough to turn over all your official books papers &c to Genl Thomas

I have the honor to be
Yr very obt. Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Febry 24. 72

Hon. J. B. Chaffee M.C.
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a printed copy of House Resolution No. 102 relative to certain proposed negotiations with the Ute Indians of Colorado introduced by you Febry 19. 1872

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy to the Governor

March 4. 1872

Brig Genl A. J. Myer
Chief Signal Officer U.S.A.
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following publications addressed to Gov McCook viz

One (1) copy Meteorological Suggestions
One (1) copy Annual Report for 1871

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy
to the Governor

March 8, 1872.

O. C. Chaney Esq.
Treas. [illegible] Co
Chicago Ills.
My Dear Sir

I enclose by order of Gov. McCook, Ten dollars (10), to cancel that amount of [illegible] against the Territory. Will you please sign and return to this office the accompanying receipt.

Yrs very truly
James B. Thompson
Pr Seay

Mar 19. 1872.

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary Treas.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ult conveying to me the congratulations of the President on the condition of this Territory.

I desire to convey to him [illegible] my thanks for the kind manner in which he has expressed his interest in the progress and prosperity of the Territory.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook.
Governor.

Mar 19. 72.

V Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to apply for fifteen days leave of absence from the first of April for the purpose of visiting Philada to witness the marriage of my only sister.

I have the honor to be
Yr very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook Governor

March 25. 72.

Thomas F Burns
Fort Union N.M.
Sir

Referring to a letter from you dated March 21st. 1872 and requesting the issuance of a requisition upon the Governor of New Mexico for one Thomas Rhodes. I would inform you that under the Statute of this Territory before such Requisition can issue it will be necessary that the criminal required shall be charged with the commission of crime before some Judge or Justice of the Peace and that such Judge or Justice shall have issued his warrant for the arrest of said criminal or that an Indictment by some court of competent jurisdiction shall accompany the request for a requisition.

Very Respectfully
Edward M. McCook
Governor

March 27. 1872

Hon Geo M Chilcott
Pueblo. Colo Terry.
Sir

Have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from you dated 22nd inst asking my attention to the account of Sheriff Allen. Mr Thompson wrote you in explanation of the delay Feby 17. 1872. Have referred your letter to him as Auditor and the account will be settled at once

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Mar 17. 1872.

Hon Geo H Williams
Attorney General
My Dear Sir

Having been informed that some efforts are being made which have for their ultimate object the removal of Justice Belford from the position he now occupies as Associate Justice of the U.S. Dist. Court of the Territory of Colorado I desire to place upon record in your Department my recommendation that he be retained in his present position for I know Judge Belford to be a gentleman of personal integrity, pure life and undoubted legal ability. Nothing can be said with truth which can in any way affect his personal character or official integrity and I am confident no man can be found to fill the position he now occupies who would reflect greater credit upon the profession or the Administration

I desire to say that this letter is written without the knowledge or solicitation of Judge Belford or any of his friends and that being an entire stranger to me at the time of his appointment what I have written is dictated solely by a desire on my part to preserve to my Territory the services of an honest and capable officer

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

March 27, 72

Hon A. A. Bradford
Pueblo, Colorado

My Dear Judge

I enclose you a Commission as District Attorney for your (the 3rd) Judicial District and hope you will accept the appointment. Should you do so please notify me and if you find that your health or business will not permit you to accept it, please retain your letter of declination until the people of your Dist. have an opportunity to express their wishes by petition.

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Mar 27 - 72

Hon J. B. Chaffee M.C.
Washington DC.

Sir

I desire to recommend Mr U. M. Curtis of Denver as a person eminently fitted for the position of U. S. Indian Agent and I bespeak your influence in his behalf to enable him to obtain the position to which he aspires.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook

March 21. 1872.

Hon. Frank Hall.
Secretary of Colorado.
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have received a leave of absence from the State Department and that I leave for the East tonight to be absent from the Territory fifteen days

I have the honor
Yr obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Apr 13 1872

Col. W.H. Loomis
Fairplay C.T.
Sir

Your application for the appointment of Notary Public resident at Fairplay Col. Ter. has in the absence of Gov McCook been referred by me to the Hon Frank Hall acting Governor of the Territory

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Svt
James B Thompson
Pr Secy

April 24. 1872

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington DC.

Sir

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 6th inst. I have this day forwarded you by mail copies of all the laws of the Territory of Colorado for the use of His Excellency Count Corti the Italian Minister.

I have also addressed a note to his Excellency informing him of the fact. No Expense has been incurred in the matter.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Apr 24. 1872

His Excellency
The Count Corti
Envoy Extraordinary &c &c &c
For the Kingdom of Italy
Washington DC

Sir

In compliance with instructions from the Hon Secretary of State of the United States I have the honor to inform you that I this day forwarded to the Dept. of State copies of the Statutes of Colorado for your use.

I have the honor to be
Yr very Obt. Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor of Colorado

May 1. 1872.

Hon Benj. F. Potts
Governor of Montana
My Dear Sir

Par# 1

I have been requested to make a statement to you in relation to the character of certain citizens of this Territory who have signed a petition to you requesting the pardon of one Geo. W. Rand. I have the honor to say that I am personally acquainted with many of the petitioners and that they are good and reliable citizens

Yrs very truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

June 11. 1872.

Genl. J. B. Graves
Comdg. Col. Terry.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 20th. addressed to Gov. McCook and relating to apprehended Indian troubles in your section of the Territory. I can not give you his opinion of the propriety of calling out the militia at this time for the purpose of quelling disturbances of this nature as he is now absent from the Territory having been called East by the dangerous illness of his wife but my own impression formed from advices received since your letter came to hand is that the necessity for such action on the part of the Territorial Officers is not urgent.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt. Svt.
James B. Thompson
Secy

June 11th 72

Mariano Medina
Big Thompson
Larimer Co C.T.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for your information a copy of a letter recd at this office from the Governor of Montana in reference to a petition of citizens of this Territory soliciting a pardon for Isaac Rand alias Jack Rand

Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pvt Secy

June 12 72

Henry Bergh Esq
Prest Am. Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
696 Broadway New York

Sir:

Your circular letter to Governor McCook finds him absent from the Territory.

A law of the nature mentioned in your communication was passed by our last Legislative Assembly and a copy thereof will be sent you as soon as printed.

Respectfully.
James B. Thompson
Pvt Secy

June 29. '72

Major J. M. Moore
Q. M. U.S. Army
Fort Leavenworth Kansas

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Twenty two (22) boxes ordnance stores shipped to me from your post June 20. 1872 for the use of this Territory. Duplicate B.L. of these ~~Arms~~ Stores duly receipted is herewith transmitted.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Govr of Col Terry

June 29. 1872.

Lieut. A L Varney
Ordnance Dept. U.S.A.
Fort Leavenworth
Kansas

Sir

In compliance with your request of June 20th, 1872 I have the honor to return herewith my receipts in triplicate for ordnance Stores shipped from your post as per invoice dated June 20th 1872.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Govr of Col Terry

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July 27th 1872

James T. Benedict Esq.
Colorado Springs C.T.

Sir

In replying to your applying to your application for appointment as Notary Public in and for El Paso County C.T. I have the honor to inform you that I will take pleasure in making the appointment upon your stating that you are a citizen of the Territory

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Aug 7. 1872

Hon F.A. Walker
Com of Indian Affairs Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter announcing my appointment as one of the Commissioners authorized to negotiate a treaty with the Ute Indians for the reduction of their present reservation &c &c.

I accept the appointment with pleasure tho it will greatly interfere with some of my personal business for I receive this as a new and very grateful mark of confidence on the part of your Department.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

Aug 3. 1872

Sir

The undersigned having been informed that W. F. M. Arny while on his recent visit here stated that he has authority for saying that the Agency for Ute Indians at Denver was about to be abolished and having received no intimation of such action from the proper Department. We do therefore respectfully ask for information of an official character on this matter and if Mr Arny speaks officially and with the sanction of the Indian Bureau (which we cannot believe) we do most respectfully yet decidedly protest against such action as unnecessary and injurious for these reasons namely

The present policy of the Department is a peacefull one and the Commissioners (Messrs Brunot and Campbell) who met these roving Utes two years ago know that these roving Utes will not make the Reservation their home unless *forced* to do so - They are quiet and inoffensive while here merely seeking a market for their trinkets and peltries in Denver and if their physical wants are provided for here the present good feeling between them and the whites can be maintained If the Agency *should* be discontinued and supplies withheld from these Indians they will certainly prey upon the community and difficulty with the citizens is sure to ensue - These roving Utes are now under the management of a most faithfull and efficient agent in whom they repose every confidence and whose word is law to them

We therefore earnestly counsel you in behalf of the people of this Territory to continue the present management of Indian affairs at Denver

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svts
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado Territory
J. B. Chaffee
Delegate Col. Terry

To
The Hon F. A. Walker
Com. for of Indian Affairs
Washington
D.C.

Aug 13. 1872

James L. Benedict Esq
Colorado Springs Col Ter
My Dear Sir

I received your letter this morning and upon enquiry ascertained that the Territorial Secretary has forwarded his instructions & blank bonds to you on the 10th inst.

Should you not have received them please notify me by return mail. As soon as you comply with the requirements of the Statutes your commission will issue.

Yours very truly
Edward M. McCook

Aug 15. 1872

Hon Columbus Delano
Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.

What provision has been made for furnishing funds to pay expenses of Commissioners to Los Pinos and return. At least one thousand dollars will be required. Shall we draw on you. Answer

John D. Lang
John McDonald } Comrs
E. M. McCook

Aug 15. 72.

Capt. S. C. Lyford
Ordnance Dept Washington D.C.
My Dear Sir

Have just received your letter of the 10th inst in relation to forwarding Arms to Leavenworth Arsenal. I have not before received any communication informing me of the number of Carbines required.

The Arms will be shipped on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Your very Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Aug 15, 1872.

Hon Lafayette Head
Conejos Colorado

My Dear Sir

Have been appointed by the President one of three Commissioners to negotiate a treaty with the Utes. Our object will be to secure if possible the cession of a portion of the territory included in their present reservations. I know your great influence with the Indians as well as your thorough knowledge of the Southern portion of Colorado and in behalf of the Commissioners extend to you an invitation to be present at the council and assist by your influence and advice in bringing the negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion.

The council will convene probably about the 21st or 22nd.

Most earnestly desire your presence and hope you will not fail to be with us and assist us in accomplishing a work which will be of such great importance to the people of the Territory

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Yrs Truly
Edward M. McCook
Governor

To Maj Genl José Victor Garcia Conejos
Hon Manuel Lucero "
Fred Meyer La Costilla N Mex
Fort Garland Col.
Major " D C " Oakes La Costilla N M

Sept 24th 1872

Sir

The enclosed copy of a letter addressed to you March 4, 1872 is forwarded to me under date of Aug 12th 1872 with the request that I endeavor to elicit a reply. As the original may have miscarried I trust that this copy will reach you and that you will lose no time in giving Mr de Luco the information he desires

W. E. Isiky Esq

Idaho Col

Respectfully

Edward M. McCook

Gov of Col Ty

Oct 8th 1872

Henry Bergh Esq

696 Bway New York

Sir

By direction of the Governor I send you by mail

One Copy of the General Laws &c. 9th Legislative Assembly of this Territory — on page 124 of which you will find the enactment referred to in my letter of June 12. 1872

Respectfully

Jas B. Thompson

Secy

His Excellency
Ferdinand de Luca
Consul General &c. New York
Sir

In the absence of Gov McCook your letter addressed to him and dated Sept. 12, 1872 was referred by me to Mr W. E. Sisty at Idaho Colorado Territory.

I send you herewith a copy of my letter to Mr Sisty and also letters of L H Shepard late Probate judge & statement of the present probate judge of Clear Creek county in regard to the administration of the affairs of the late Peter Cola.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Jas B Thompson
Secy

Nov. 72

Hon W W Curtis
Acty Commr Genl Land Office
Washington DC
Sir

In reply to your letter of Oct. 9th 1872. I have the honor to inform you that I have this day mailed to your address one copy General Laws &c. 9th Session of the Legislative Assembly of Col Terry

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Oct 30. 72

Alvin Schultz Esq
Territorial Assayer
Central City C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you prepare and forward to this office before December 31st 1872 a detailed statistical account of the results of mining operations in your own and neighboring counties during the past year for transmission to the United States Commissioner of Mineral Statistics as well as to our local Board of Immigration.

You will please make this statement as comprehensive as possible and include therein any new discoveries and developements for the year 1872.

Respectfully
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Same sent this date
to
Peters. Fair Play
Stoetting Georgetown
Thompson Boulder

Nov 7. 72

Robt. Ash Esq
Atty at Law St. Louis Mo
Sir

I have the honor to inform you in reply to your letter of date Oct. 25. 1872 that the District Court for this (1st Jud Dist of Col. Terry) District is now in session in this city

Hon Ebenezer T Wells presiding Judge.
Hon Moses Hallet is Chief Justice of the Terry

Respectfully
Edward M McCook
Governor

Nov 6. 72

Editor Journal
Black Hawk C. T.

Sir

I enclose copy of Proclamation for a day of Thanksgiving which please publish until the day named.

Respectfully
E. M. McCook
Governor

Copy sent to all news papers in the Territory

Nov 10. 1872

Hon Columbus Delano
Secretary of the Interior

Sir

I have the honor to request that I be ordered to Washington for the purpose of settling my accounts as former Ex Officio Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Colorado

I was relieved from Indian duty more than two years ago and my accounts are as yet unsettled

I believe that my personal presence in Washington will enable the Department to adjust these accounts satisfactorily and secure to me the small official balance due.

In order to accomplish this I am willing to visit Washington under your order without any expense whatever to the Government.

All I ask is the authority of the President through you so to do

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado

Nov 13. 1872

Rufus Crose Esq
Las Animas Colorado

My Dear Sir

I have the honor to herewith transmit thro the hands of John W P— your Commission as County Commissioner for the County of Bent Territory of Colorado

Please notify me of its acceptance and request the County Clerk to notify me when you qualify

Yrs very truly
Edward M McCook
Governor

Nov 13. 1872

Herbert H Platt Esq.
Colorado City Colorado

My Dear Sir

I have received a letter from Hon Bela M Hughes requesting your appointment as Notary Public

It will afford me much pleasure to comply with this request of my old and valued friend and I have directed the Territorial Secy to forward you the necessary Bonds &c and after you shall have complied with the provisions of the Statute to issue your Commission

Yours very truly
Edward M McCook
Governor

Nov 14. 1872

Hon. B. F. Potts
Governor of Montana
Virginia City M T
My Dear Sir

I have received your letter of Nov 5th asking if the Territory of Colorado has voted large subsidies to Rail Road Companies

In reply I have the honor to say that Colorado has never voted a dollar to subsidize any Railway Company and to the best of my knowledge no effort has ever been made to obtain Legislative action for this purpose

Some of our counties seven I think have voted bonds in aid of different Railways but with probably one exception this action has been too recent to enable the people of those counties to realize all the effects of increased Railroad facilities and increased taxation

Colorado has no Territorial debt no Territorial Taxes for 1872 and the Tax for Territorial purposes for the Year 1873 is merely nominal about one tenth of one per cent

Any further information I can give you will be most cheerfully furnished at any time you may write me.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt Servt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Nov 10th 72

W. C. Ralston Esq
San Francisco Cal.
My Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you the commission of J. W. Joyce as Commissioner of Deeds for the Territory of Colorado in the State of California

I have made the appointment entirely upon your recommendation and hope Mr Joyce may prove an efficient and valuable officer

Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Nov 19. 72

Hon J. M. Addeman
Secretary of State. R.I.
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
One copy R.I. Acts. Resolves and Reports for May 1871. and Jany 1872.

Very Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Private Secy

Nov 21. 1872.

[illegible] Esq

"Territorial Messenger"

Central City

Sir

Yours of the 16th inst. is received. We would like to get a statement of the mining interests and developments of the mines of Gilpin Co. as they are at the present day as far as you are able to obtain them.

The number of mines worked, about how many miners employed, statistical facts and figures about the average production of the mines, how much 1st Class ore (such as Hill gets) and how much 2nd Class. Average yield per ton. Also any new discoveries, names and location of them, anything of interest to the mining community. Peters and the other Territorial officers have promised reports and no doubt you can do as well as they can.

Very Respectfully

Yr obt Svt

Edward M. McCook

Nov 25. 1872.

W. B. Fellows Esq

Warren, [illegible] Co. [illegible]

Sir

In reply to your letter of inquiry dated 2 inst. I have the honor to inform you that your favor of Sept last was received at this office Sept. 13. 1872 and referred the same day with enclosure of Five Dollars ($5.00) to the Hon Frank Hall, Secy of the Territory who is the custodian of the published Statutes of the Territory.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Edward M. McCook

Governor

Nov 26. 1872

Hon J H Morrison
President of the Board of Trade
Denver C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to the enclosed circular of "The National Commercial Convention" and to request that you appoint delegates thereto according to the basis of representation adopted by the Convention

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Nov 26. 1872

Hon Frank Hall
Secretary of the Territory
Central City C.T.

Sir

I enclose for your information copy of leave of absence granted me by the Secretary of State availing myself of which I shall leave here for Washington on Friday 29th inst.

Before leaving I would like to consult with you here in regard to some matters of Public interest in the Territory

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Edward M. McCook
Governor

Nov 27th 72

Hon Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Please make out a warrant directed to the Sheriff of Pueblo county for the arrest of Charles B. Dunbaugh a fugitive from Justice demanded of me on the requisition of the Governor of the State of Missouri

Instruct the Sheriff to turn him over to Alexander C. Briant agent for said State of Missouri

Edward M. McCook
Governor

Dec 12. 1872

C. W. Price Esq
San Francisco Cal
Sir

Enclosed find your commission properly made as Comr of Deeds for Colorado

Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy.

Dec 2. 1872

Col. W. H. Loomis
Register U.S. Land Office
Fair Play C.T.

Sir

Your letter asking the appointment of Mr C. C. Pease as Notary Public was received too late for the Govrs action and is this day reffered by me to the Hon Frank Hall acting Governor together with the enclosures

Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr Secy.

Dec 16th 1872

[illegible]
State Librarian
Harrisburg Pa.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following State papers for use of Territorial Library viz

1 Vol Laws of Pennsylvania
1 Vol Journal of the Senate
1 " " " " House
1 " " Executive Documents
2 " " Legislative "

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
James B Thompson
Pr Secy to the Gov

Dec 21 1872

Hon Frank Hall
Acting Gov of Col Terry
Central City C T

Sir

In compliance with the verbal request of Mr Hall the person referred to in Col: Loomis's letter I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed papers comprising the letter above mentioned Petition of citizens of Park County praying for appointment of Mr Hall and affidavit of McLaughlin and Fending as to non residence of James Monahan Co Comr

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
James B Thompson
Govs Pr Secy

Dec 21. 72

Col W H Loomis
Register U.S. Land Office
Fair Play C T

Sir

In compliance with the request of Mr D Hall of your county I have this day mailed the papers in his case to Hon Frank Hall actg Gov of Col Ter at Central City from whom you will doubtless receive a favorable reply in due course of mail

Respectfully
James B Thompson
Secy

Jan 12. 1872

Hon L Breese
Secy of State
Madison Wis

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following books from you viz
27th vol Wisconsin Reports
1st vol Pinneys " for use of the Territorial Library of Colorado

Respectfully
Edward M McCook
Governor

Jany 11th 1873

Aron Schulz
Territorial Assayer
Central City C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter from this Dept. dated Oct. 30. 1872 requesting a report of the results of mining operations in your district during the year 1872 and to inform you that said Report has not been received

If possible please forward it before the 15th inst.

Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Govs Pr. Secy

Jany 11. 1873

JF Stelting
Territorial Assayer
Georgetown C.T.

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to a letter from this Dept. dated Oct. 30 1872 requesting a report of the result of mining operations in your district during the year 1872 and to inform you that said Report has not been received

Please forward it before the 15th inst. if possible

Respectfully
James B. Thompson
Pr. Secy to the Gov.

Jany 15. 1873.

Hon J M Addeman
Secy of State of R.I.
Providence R.I.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of The Manual of R.I. 1872-1873

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
James B Thompson
Pr Secy to the Govr

April 8 73

Hon Frank Hall
Central City C.T.

Can you come down here tomorrow I think it important for you to be here for a day or two - answer by telegraph

Edward M McCook

April 10. 73

Edward Rees Esq.
36 Finsbury Circus
London England

My Dear Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a commission as "agent for the Territory of Colorado for the Board of Immigration" The secretary of the Board informs me that you have been instrumental in sending many emigrants to this Territory and altho the position of Agent is without compensation it is an official recognition of your services and may assist you in your future labors for the promotion of the interests of Colorado. Please notify this office of the receipt of your commission

Your very Obt Svt
Edward M McCook
Governor

April 11th 1873

M A Shaffenburg Esq
U S Marshall

Sir

Enclosed herewith I hand you my executive pardon of Charles Wells who is now confined in the Territorial Penitentiary for the crime of obtaining money under false pretenses. You will cause the same to be transmitted to the Officer in charge of said prison accompanied by your order for the immediate release of the convict named herein

pardon

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Edward M McCook
Governor of Colorado

Attest:
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

April 14. 1873

Hon George H Williams
Attorney General
Washington DC

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feby 20 1873 informing me that the control of certain Territorial Penitentiaries has by Act of Congress approved Feby 20 1873 been transferred to the several Territories in which said Penitentiaries are located

In reply I would most respectfully state that no provision exists for the support of prisoners in this Territory except that made by the last Legislature which would be entirely insufficient to pay all the expenses of the prison and there cannot be another session of the Legislature until Jany 1874.

Under the circumstances the Executive of this Territory would be unable to receive the Penitentiary from the Government untill after the legislative assembly shall have made proper provisions for its care and an appropriation for its expenses

I enclose herewith a Statement of the Territorial Auditor which will show you that it is impracticable at present for the Territory to relieve the General Government of the burden and expense of this prison.

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook
Governor of Colorado Territory

April 18. 1873

His Excellency S. H. Elbert.
Governor of Colorado
My Dear Sir

I have the honor to herewith enclose inventories in duplicates of the Executive property, papers and records; which I desire to place in your custody and receive therefor official receipts for transmission to the proper Departments

Permit me to congratulate you upon your accession to the Executive Chair of the Territory and to hope that your administration may prove successfull and popular

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Svt.
Edward M. McCook.

I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Executive Records during the administration of Gov E. M. McCook from April 17. 1869. to April 17. 1873. which records having been copied by me from the original letter press books

Harry L. Hall

Denver Apr 19. 1873

Clk

Denver, April 21 1873

My Oath of Office and Copy of Commission and Executive Messages which I suppose should have formed part of this Record, have been Recorded in the Office of the Territorial Secretary, and are not in my possession.

Edward M. McCook